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HAS THE PAPAL BEE.

Cardinal Rampolla Would Like to Succeed Leo XIII.

Is Said to Be About to Secure His Own Dismissal from His Present High Office to Improve His Prospects.

From Rome comes a seemingly well-authenticated story to the New York Times that Cardinal Rampolla, in view of the fact that a papal secretary so rarely succeeds to the tiara, is about to cause his own dismissal from his high office in order to strengthen his eligibility.

Rampolla is the most powerful member of the college of cardinals, and it is said that one of his own adherents will take his place as secretary of state. Some of Pope Leo's most significant acts are credited by persons professing an insight into the politics of the vatican to the powerful Sicilian cardinal's influence.

Dealing with the rumors of Cardinal Rampolla's retirement from the office of secretary of state, the correspondent says he is aiming for the tiara, and that if the pontiff died today the struggle would be between Cardinals Rampolla and Vannutelli.

The correspondent adds:

"The Gottis, Svampas and Parocchis would be there to watch the weaknesses and profit by them. One of these last might even come out on top."

The correspondent calculates that Cardinal Rampolla is sure of 33 votes, but needs 36. He concludes a two-column dispatch by saying:

"There remains but one obstacle for Cardinal Rampolla to overcome—an obstacle that is immense in an affair where traditions are everything. It is contrary to custom for a secretary of state to succeed his master. This is why it is not improbable that Cardinal Rampolla will strive to appear to have been disgraced in order not to preserve responsibility for an authority in the throes of death. In

CARDINAL RAMPOLLA.
(Vatican Secretary of State Who Wants to Be Pope.)

quitting the office of secretary of state before the promulgation of the associations bill he would avoid quarreling with the French government. He would assure himself of the sympathy of America, which has two cardinals; of England, which has two, and of Russia, which has none, but is powerful."

For several years Cardinal Rampolla has been accused of laying his plans to secure the succession as the sovereign pontiff. Even when because of his lack of age (he was born in 1843) he could scarcely hope to present himself as a candidate he was accused, principally by German and Austrian cardinals, for he is an open enemy of the triple alliance, of attempting to induce the Italians in the sacred college to favor one of his colleagues. When, however, at a secret consistory two years ago 11 new cardinals were created, only two of whom were not Italians, thus making the Italians number 35, as against 30 foreigners, there was little doubt in the Catholic world that Rampolla had himself in view for the succession. In certain quarters, it is true, he was declared to be still too young, and it was said that he would not have himself proposed, but that the estimable and somewhat unimportant Cardinad li Pietro would be the "papabile" of the group of ministerialists, while, in the event of this selection, Rampolla would still continue in his office of secretary of state.

Rampolla is not only said to be favored by a majority of Italian prelates; those of the romance countries are also believed to favor him, especially the French, because of his attitude toward the natural enemy of France. He is also thought to have the support of the American cardinals.

Persons who have had to deal with vatican diplomacy have declared that in the art of statecraft Rampolla was not even surpassed by the famous secretary of state of Pius IX., although his field of visible action is much smaller. Patience, tenacity and a genius for quick execution are said to be his chief characteristics. As is stated in the foregoing dispatch, he is a Sicilian by birth, and, like many Sicilians, he is a philosopher and a deep thinker.

As state secretary Cardinal Rampolla occupies in the vatican. His personality is said to be charming; his voice is particularly soft and insinuating. In Rome, when he appears in public, he exerts a curious influence upon those near by; no Roman crowd has ever been known to insult him to his face, and he has the reputation of never denying an audience to anyone. It is a somewhat curious fact that of the many descriptions that have been written of his manner, discourse and general expression, hardly any two are alike.

THE LITERARY WORLD.

Gilbert Parker is again at work upon a new novel—but a novel whose scene is laid in Egypt.

The Kipling fever is growing in France. The French translation of the "Jungle Book" has gone into its thirteenth edition in Paris.

George Moore, who some years ago announced that he was about to shake the dust of England from his feet, and to dwell in France and write only in French, has now decided to live henceforth in Dublin.

Ernest Seton-Thompson's next book will be called "Two Little Savages in the Woods," and will give the experiences of two boys who go camping in the woods and live in the open for an entire year in an Indian tepee.

Hamilton Drummond, the author of "A King's Pawn," which is now commencing to appear on the lists of the best-selling novels, is a cousin of the late Prof. Henry Drummond, and, as a citizen of Dublin, is prominent in various circles of activity.

It is said that Henry Guy Carleton, the playwright, who stammers very badly at times, not so long ago stopped Nat Goodwin on the street and said to him: "Nat, will you g-g-give me half an h-hour for f-f-five minutes' con-ver-s-sa-tion?"

Mark Twain in declining a recent dinner invitation wrote: "I have temporarily broken myself down with trying to do too many things and shall try to save what is left of me by going softly for some months to come. I am racked with rheumatism these last six days and do my sleeping by snatches in the daytime, for I get no reprieves from pain in the night."

IN CONTINENTAL EUROPE.

Of the 276,000 foreigners resident in Germany, 118,000 are Austrians, only 11,000 English.

Greece has only three pigs to every 100 people. England has ten to every 100 of her population.

In Lucerne there recently died a man who had made the ascent of Mount Pilatus 115 times.

The annual product of currants in Greece is about 200,000 tons, but last year, owing to the downy mildew, it fell to 45,000 tons.

There are hints from Paris of the return of the once fashionable fervonniere—a jewel to be worn on the forehead and held in place either by a velvet band or a fillet of gold.

The moving sidewalk of the Paris exposition was a great success; 6,694,308 persons paid for the privilege of using the platform, while only 2,635,867 used the railway that carried passengers in the other direction.

A certain Paris millinery firm was established in a small way ten years ago. The first year its profits were $3,160. The next year they had leaped to $19,000, and in three years had reached $234,000. The last year's balance showed $413,000 on the right side of the ledger.

The outcry against the brutality of the Austrian army officers to their men has had such an effect that the officials have issued an order prohibiting officers from touching the body of a soldier with a sword or gesticulating with that weapon while the troops are drilling.

NO BOSSISM SOUTH.

McLaurin Speaks to the People—He Defends the President.

From the Washington Post

Columbia, S. C., May 22—Senator J. L. McLaurin declared his views on national questions and made an argument in support of his position before a large audience in Greenville Wednesday. He had been invited to speak in that town by a number of prominent business men.

The Senator acknowledged accountability to the people only, and refused to obey any political boss. It was an official's duty, he said, to study public matters and sometimes act independently, leading public sentiment, rather than blindly following the supposed majority. In voting on national issues he had considered the best interests of the South and the country. Some of those who were condemning him now were elected to Congress in 1892 as Alliance Democrats, pledged not to be bound by a Democratic caucus, but to vote for the best interests of the nation, irrespective of party. A man was a traitor who deserted his party on purely sectional questions, such as white supremacy, but it was almost a crime for any party to make the great non-political measures involving the development of the nation a test of party fealty. There is no greater menace to the country, to the stability of the government, than a large minority in Congress voting as partisans on vital American questions.

Mr. McLaurin declared himself a Democrat, and honestly desirous of remaining one, but said he deplored the fact that it had become so sectional. In the North and West the party was permeated with socialism.

In 1896 he had believed free silver was the salvation of the country. Unforeseen forces have come into play—gold from the Klondyke, money for investment from abroad, increased banking facilities—and none but a fool would now make a free silver speech. He had secured a depository from the Treasury in a South Carolina bank—the first on record—and hoped it was the beginning of a movement to enable our people to get money at a lower rate of interest. He had expected some one to cry out "Republican" at him for doing that.

Mr. McLaurin said he had looked beyond the sectional line, and had been striving to help South Carolina by promoting the material, political, and commercial interests of the common country. For this he had been vilely persecuted. None who know him doubted his honesty of purpose.

He did not control the Federal patronage for this State, but was proud of the fact that because of his liberal views and what the President called his patriotic stand he had been consulted on certain occasion. A wiser man, truer patriot, and more kindly Christian gentleman never occupied the White House than Mr. McKinley. The appointments recommended by him were good ones, for the best interest of the State. He had no nephews commissioned in the United States army; no son drawing a large salary traveling this State at the government's expense, manipulating political affairs for him.

The only way the "bosses" could defeat him would be to have him ruled out of the Democratic primary, and he dared them to refuse the white men of the State an opportunity to express themselves on these great questions.

Mr. McLaurin declared expansion was the bed-rock of Democracy. He poo poohed "imperialism." Bryan had as much chance of winning on that issue as a split-foot bullfrog of kicking all the water out of Lake Michigan. He defended his position on the ship subsidies, declaring Southern Senators subsidized the Southern fast mails; every town in South Carolina had subsidized one or more railroads or cotton factories. Mr. Sewell, who was Mr. Bryan's political partner in 1896, was an advocate of subsidies. He declared he would not be turned from his course, conscious of the absolute unselfishness of his purpose, because some political wolves were howling on his track.

Senator McLaurin spoke to a large and representative audience and was frequently applauded, particularly when attacking Tillman's bos-ism, declaring it was a crime to make great American questions the test of party fealty.

Annual Drill of High School Cadets.

The competitive drill of High School Cadets will take place on May 31st at 4:30 o'clock at the American League Base Ball Park, corner of 14th St. and Florida Avenue, northeast. If it rains on this date the drill will be on the next day at the same hour. On account of the expense attending the event an admission fee of 15 cents will be charged for the Grand Stand and 10 cents for the seats not under cover. The tickets are now on sale and can be bought from the pupils of the High School.

JUDGE O'DONNELL ON THE BENCH.

Justice of the Peace John H. O'Donnell has been holding the upper branch of the Police Court this week in the absence of Judge Scott who has been quite sick at his home. Judge O'Donnell makes a good Judge and endeavors to deal fairly by all who are brought before him.

AN APPEAL FOR HELP.

Thousands Suffering South, Help at Once.

Washington, D. C., May 15, 1901.

Dear Sir:

Through a throughly reliable and responsible channel we learn that relief is being sought for the colored sufferers by the recent terrible conflagration in Jacksonville, Florida.

The white people of Jacksonville, Florida, have rendered some assistance to the colored people of that afflicted city. They have, however, suggested that the colored people through a committee of their own appeal to the charitable for aid. This appeal has been made and Washington is called upon to do its share of the duty to humanity. In furtherance of the purpose to do its full duty in this matter, we, the undersigned, having been addressed by the committee of prominent and reliable colored citizen of Florida, do respectfully recommend that a collection be taken up in the church of which you are the pastor on Sunday, May 26, 1901, and the amount received be deposited with Douglass B. McCary at the Capital Savings Bank, 609 F street northwest, for transmittal by him to the Florida committe duly authorized to received the same.

The facts of the appalling catastrophe are so well known to all intelligent people that no special extortation to duty and no graphic presentation of the horrors and sufiering that came to onr people are needed. Every humane and charitable person has a duty on this occasion to perform. It is hoped that the requirements of the case will be met with the consideration to which they are entitled.

Lewis H. Douglass, George H. White, Leonard C. Baily, Robert H. Terrell, W. H. A. Wormley, Doughlass B. McCary, In behalf of the Florida Committee.

L. C. BAILEY.
Treasurer of the Capital Savings Bank.

BEHIND THE SCENE.

Happy is the man whose every act will bear
The rigid test of the unerring Square.
Who, while times level, he unswerving trod,
Stood firm before his fellows, and his God.
Seeking by words of Charity and Love.
To gain an entrance to the Lodge above.
Knowing the Stone amongst the rubbish cast,
Shall be received a corner stone at last.

Dr. W. L. Tignor is another rising young Doctor.

The works of the Supreme Architect are slow but sure.

Also the reliable Bro. W. H. Lee at 221 Pa. Ave. n. w.

Ill. J. O. Holmes, is still at his old stand, 333 Va. Ave. s. w.

Among our prominent Doctors we make mention of Dr. P. B. Brooks. The Dr. has a large practice. He is also prominent in secret orders.

The Negro is an exotic of the most gorgeous and superb countries of the world, and he has deep in his heart a passion for all that is splendid, rich and fanciful.

Lawyer Thos. Martin is the present Grand Master of the District Grand Lodge of Odd-Fellows of the D. C. Bro. Martin has a good law practice in the Courts.

The K. T. of the four Commanderies namely Simon Henderson, Gethsemane and Mt. Calvary, will observe Ascension by a Grand Service. The Sir Knights are busily getting ready for the occasion.

Hiram Grand Lodge A. A. S. R. held an interesting meeting last week. This is the third Grand Lodge in this country that confines its works strictly to the Ancient Accepted Schotish Rite. There is one located at Louisiana and one at Philadelphia which works under the Jurisdiction of the Spanish Supreme Council 33°. A. A. S. R.

The image of God cut in ebony. No race, no color can boast of exemption from misfortune, but no race can boast of higher celebrity in ancient times then the Negro, then called Cushites by the Hebrews, and Ethiopians by the Greeks. On looking back over the centuries to the beginning of the Christian era to Noah and rioting the rise and fall of great men and great nations we see none more conspicuous than the children of Ham.

The D. C. is noted for the many professional and business men of our race, Here can be found the Dr., the Pharmist, the Saloon Keeper, the Grocery man, The Lawyer, Real Estate Broker and the Banker and others we notice that since the election of President McKinley, that a large number of our people have been appointed to responsible and prominent positions, as we before stated the newspapers edited by our people are becoming very important factors in this country, It is wise for us to read them and also support them. They do more good than a great many think (specially the Wash. Bee).

OF GENERAL INTEREST.

Four million horses have died or been killed in war in the last 80 years.

It is claimed that alcohol can be made from sorghum pulp—the refuse from the sorghum mill.

A mountain goat farm is a new business in Center and Tioga counties, Pa. A pioneer in the business opens with cleared mountain land and a consignment of 1,000 white goats, costing $18 a head.

On the battleship Maine, sunk in Havana harbor, are 162 complete engines, and the contractor who is raising the wreck is confident that all are uninjured. The ship is worth $2,000,000 if she can be patched up.

The advance in the arts of printing and illustrating is perhaps nowhere more clearly shown than in matter issued by railroad and hotel people. It is advertising, but of such a dainty sort that one forgets the business side of the proposition.—Springfield Republican.

To kill a cat by shooting, aim either (1) directly between and above the eyes; or (2) behind the ear, the gun being pointed forward. The latter shot, if aimed at such an angle as to enter the base of the spinal cord, should produce instant death. Use a good pistol; never a shotgun, as the latter both destroys the skin (if it be valuable) and causes a lingering, painful death.

FOREIGN ODDITIES.

The Dutch name for a motor car is Suelpaardeloozonderspoorwegpetroolryting.

An immense trade is done in China in old English horseshoes, which are considered the best iron in the world for making small household articles, such as bracelets, hooks and bolts.

Morocco does a considerable business with the outside world, exporting beans, almonds, dates, wool, gum, eggs, goat skins and wax, and taking in return, cotton goods, silks, candles, woolen cloth, flour, earthenware, alcoholic liquors and glass.

Africa has an area of practically 11,500,000 square miles, something more than thrice that of the United States and its possessions. Twenty years ago, save for strips of territory along the coasts, with occasional shallow indentations into the interior, it was in fact as well as in name the "dark continent."

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HONORED IN CANADA.

Lord Strathcona Who Was Made a Baron by Victoria.

Considered by Many the Most Distinguished Citizen of British America—His Unexcelled Record as a Philanthropist.

One of the distinguished visitors who will be in attendance at the great Y. M. C. A. jubilee in Boston in June, and who will give one of the addresses, is Lord Strathcona, high commissioner for Canada, and one of the most eminent men in that country. A man of large wealth and generous heart, his benefactions have been so many and they have given evidence of such broadness of spirit that he has been likened to the American George Peabody. Lord Strathcona was born in Scotland in the year 1820, and before he became Lord Strathcona he was plain Donald Smith. He went to Canada when he was a mere boy, and he was 18 when he became a junior clerk in the office of the Hudson Bay company. To the active outdoor life and the honest toil that were his daily portion during many years of his service in the Hudson Bay company he attributes the physical vigor and mental alertness that are his at the age of 81. Step by step he rose in the service and in the esteem of the great Hudson Bay company until he became one of its most important factors.

He has been a member of the house of commons, and he did not retire from political life until his seventy-fifth year, when he was appointed high commissioner for Canada. His services to his native and to his adopted country had been so valuable that in 1886 the queen conferred upon Donald Smith the order of knighthood, and in the next year he was still further honored by her majesty, who made him Baron Strathcona and Mount Rayol, of Glencoe in Argyll, and of Montreal in Canada.

Of Lord Strathcona's philanthropy it may be said that on one occasion

LORD STRATHCONA.
(Canada's Most Distinguished and Public-Spirited Citizen.)

of the queen's jubilee in 1887 he, with Lord Mount Stephen, gave a million dollars for the building and endowment of the Royal Victoria hospital, and a second large sum was given for its maintenance. To McGill university, a Canadian institution of which Lord Strathcona is chancellor, he has given many thousands of dollars, and he has given further proof of his interest in higher education by erecting and endowing the Royal Victoria college for women. He has been a most generous patron of art and he has endowed a Canadian scholarship in the Royal college of music in London. His heart and his purse have ever been open to the poor, and his private benefactions have been many and unstinted. But the act of splendid munificence that has given him an enduring place in the hearts of his countrymen was that patriotic deed by which he again testified his loyalty to his queen and her empire. This act was the raising of the regiment of the Strathcona horse and sending to the support of the queen mother's arms in South Africa a company which he saw was needed to meet the Boers on their own ground. When the Strathcona horse visited England on their return from the war the snowy-haired old man was the hero of the day.

He is known as Canada's "Grand Old Man," and as such he will be given a royal welcome when he faces the mighty audience that will be sure to meet him in Boston on the occasion of his address at the Y. M. C. A. jubilee meeting in June.

Expected.

Casey—An' so yer owld father doied lasht noight? Wor his dith unexpected?

Clancy—No, indade; but we didn't expect he'd dole far at laste tin or fiftane years yit.—Town Topics.

Still Using Superlatives.

Lulu—Elsie always was extravagant. When she was engaged, she used to tell me that her lover was simply perfect.

Eva—Yes?

"And now that she is married she says that he is a perfect brute."—Sommerville Journal.

FIRST WIFE'S GRAVE.

Marked by a Tombstone Bought by Her Successor.

An Act of Devotion That Probably Has No Equal—Slaved Two Years to Carry Out Her Unselfish, Loving Intention.

Greater love for the dead was never shown by any person than that of a Chicago woman, who slaved for two years to buy a headstone to mark the grave where lies the remains of her husband's first wife. A modest little stone that cost nearly $200 was raised lately over the mound in Oakwoods cemetery, and the woman who paid for it by self-denial and hard labor doesn't think she has done anything extraordinary, says the Inter Ocean.

Five or six years ago the woman who is dead and the one who afterward took her place in the little home as second wife were rivals for the affections of a rather good-looking man of 30, or thereabouts, who belonged to that army which is classed in the city directory as laborers. He worked in one of the railroad freighthouses, and, by practicing strict economy, he managed to put away $300 to get married on.

His name was not John Thompson, but for convenience sake he will be called that. Thompson, like most men of his station in life who are matrimonially inclined, had several young women employed as servant maids "on the string," as the saying goes. Any one of them would have made him a good wife, but there were only two that he cared anything for, and both of them worked at the same house in Prairie avenue.

Thompson was in a quandary as what to do. He had been saving up for three years—$100 a year—and he was ready to marry either one of the young women, but as he could not wed both he was greatly disturbed in mind. To make matters worse both the women knew from his own lips that he loved one as much as the other, and the delicate matter of choosing between them was a source of great worry to John Thompson.

One of the servant maids, with a little more cunning than the other, or,

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perhaps a little less conscience, met Thompson downtown one day, and it only required a suggestion for him to secure the marriage license. They straightway went to a justice of the peace and were made one.

The girl who had been "cut out" did not weep and wail, as some jilted girls would have done, but took the matter philosophically, knowing that John Thompson loved her as much as the one who had snared him. And when the first baby came to brighten the home of John and his wife the girl who still remained single was there every night after her own work was done to cook little delicacies for the mother and tidy up the house.

Three children were born to John in as many years. A few weeks after the birth of the last child his wife died. No one will deny that John Thompson was left in a bad predicament, and no one will blame him for taking a second wife. Of course he married the girl who had loved him before and even after his marriage.

Almost every Sunday in summer John and his second wife used to visit the grave in Oakwoods where rested the remains of his first wife, and put flowers on the grassy mound. Every grave around there had some kind of a stone but the one in which John's wife was buried. His second wife thought John wasn't showing proper respect to the dead, and she told him so in as gentle a manner as possible. John acknowledged she was right, but he couldn't bear the expense of a headstone, he said, until he had bought things for the house, which were more urgent. The second wife then resolved to buy the stone herself, and she went out working at washing or scrubbing wherever she could get it. In a little less than two years she earned $185, every penny of which was laid aside for the headstone.

After the stone was set in place last week she said to her husband:

"I have done just what I think Mary would have done if she had been in my place."

Trouble in Letter Writing.

A bashful young man in Newark, N. J., who is rather timid in speech, but bold and eloquent with the pen, made a marriage proposal by letter. The lady, for safe keeping, put the note in a book, and a few days later lent the book to a female friend. She proved to be the young man's other girl. Now there is a triangular quarrel between the three.

Telephones in Hospitals.

Telephones are in common use in French hospitals to enable persons with infectious diseases to converse freely with their friends without danger of communicating disease.

A TRUE FISH STORY.

The Peculiar Adventures of a Wedding Ring That Was Lost by a Clergyman's Wife.

"About the queerest fish story I know of," said a highly truthful-looking man—indeed, he was a clergyman—to a Washington Post reporter, "happened to me at a little lake in Wisconsin where I used to summer with my family. One day my wife was out in our boat with a party of friends. She was letting her hand trail in the water, without thinking about its shrinking effect, and when she finally took her hand in her wedding ring was gone. The lake was deep at that point, and, although we

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made considerable effort to recover the ring, it was not found. Naturally it worried her a good deal, and the next year she would not go back to the same place. Nor did we go the following year; but the third year we went there again, and one day I was in the woods, about a mile from the lake, with my boy, trying to get a shot at some denizen of the forest or other. As we went peering around among the trees to get a squirrel we had seen I noticed something shining in a twig in a tree about 25 feet from the ground. I sent my boy up after it, and when he came back I was more than astonished to find that the shining thing was my wife's wedding ring.

"How it ever got there was a mystery at first, but I was not a believer in fairies and that sort of thing, so I began to investigate for material causes. The top of the tree had deadened, and with a suspicion in my mind I sent my boy up to see what signs might be above the green boughs. He called down to me presently that there were remains of a fishhawk's nest in the forks of the tree, and, putting this and that together, I came to the conclusion that the hawk had caught the fish that had gobbled up my wife's ring in the lake and had taken it to the nest for the young hawks. They didn't care for jewelry and had left that part of the fish in the nest, from which, as the nest was blown to pieces by the wind and beaten by the storms, the ring had dropped out and by chance had caught on the twig where I found it. In any event, if that was not the way it got there, how did it? For surely it was there, and my wife is wearing it to-day."

DOG SAVES GIRL'S LIFE.

Brave Yellow Stag Hound Kills Two Gray Wolves in Defense of Its Little Mistress.

George Findlay, a well-known republican politician of Topeka, Kan., has returned from a trip through the Indian territory and vouches for the following story of the remarkable devotion to his little mistress of a dog owned by Jim Hay, a quarter-blood Quapaw Indian.

Hay's four-year-old girl Nellie wandered into the woods near his place

DEFENDING HIS MISTRESS.

and became lost. She was accompanied by her dog, a gigantic yellow stag hound. After wandering a mile and a half from home she became tired and fell asleep. It was late in the afternoon, and, though her father searched for several hours, he was unable to find her. At midnight he heard the baying of the hound out in the woods. He hastened in that direction and found his daughter with the big hound standing guard close to her, and near her were the bodies of two big gray wolves. The wolves had evidently stolen up on the sleeping child and her protector with the intention of killing them, and were whipped by the dog. The child was unable to give an intelligent account of what had happened, but said she had been awakened by hearing Nero fighting with the wolves.

A Victim of Nicotine.

Louis Walter, while temporarily deranged, at Buffalo, N. Y., ate six cigars with suicidal intent, and the nicotine caused death.

WASHED THEIR FEET

Emperor of Austria's Humble Service to Twelve Old Men.

Impressive Annual Ceremony Has a Gorgeous Aspect and Is Attended by Court Dignitaries and High Diplomats.

In the presence of the imperial family, the diplomatic corps and the highest officials of Austro-Hungary the emperor on April 18 knelt in his palace in Vienna and washed the feet of 12 poor and aged men. This ceremony, commemorating Christ's washing the feet of His disciples at the last supper, has been regularly carried out at the Austrian court for more than 200 years. It was introduced from Spain. It was the fifty-third occasion on which Emperor Francis Joseph has performed the service, he having ascended the throne in 1843.

The great ceremonial hall, in the new wing of the imperial hofburg, where the service was held, presented a magnificent and gorgeous spectacle. In the body of the hall were scores of military officers in their most brilliant uniforms—knights of Malta, cabinet ministers and court functionaries. The diplomatic corps was accommodated in boxes ranged along one side of the hall. Immediately in front of these was a raised dais, upon which stood a long table covered with a white cloth and laid for 12 guests to be seated along one side.

Shortly before the time fixed for the ceremony, writes a Chicago Record-Herald correspondent, the 12 old men were brought in, supported by court officials, and each accompanied by two relatives, mostly women, who were privileged to stand behind them during the ceremony. Clad in ancient pilgrim garb, with quaint broad-rimmed beaver hats and wide linen collars, the men, whose ages ranged from 96 to 87, formed a picturesque sight. After them came a dozen stal-

EMPEROR FRANCIS JOSEPH.
(Recently Washed Feet of Twelve Old Men in Vienna.)

wart lifeguardsmen, in scarlet and gold, and stood behind the old men and their relatives. In the meantime the diplomats and distinguished guests had been filling the boxes reserved for them.

The approach of the emperor's procession was the signal for silence, and everyone stood to receive his apostolic majesty. Heading the procession were two archbishops and the papal nuncio, followed by the court chamberlains, 12 archdukes and last of all the emperor, wearing the uniform of an Austrian field marshal The archdukes formed in line facing the old men and the emperor stood at the end of the table. Two officers with drawn swords then marched into the hall, followed by 12 seminarians, bearing trays containing meats and delicacies, and stood before the table. The emperor then deftly and speedily took the dishes from the trays and placed them before each old man, returning afterward to his former position. As he walked down the table he was followed by the grand court chamberlain, Prince Lichtenstein, bearing his white wand.

At the conclusion of this part of the ceremony the officials removed the table and spread a long roll of white linen over the knees of the old men. Then the emperor, assisted by two ecclesiastics in purple vestments, began the foot-washing part of the service. The first prelate carried a golden ewer of water, and, kneeling, poured a little on the right foot of the first of the 12. The emperor, also kneeling, rubbed the water over the foot and dried it on a napkin.

The emperor and his companions proceeded along the dais on their knees, rising only at the conclusion of the service. Then, for the last time, he walked down the line and hung an the neck of each man a silken purse containing 30 silver crowns. The imperial party then left the hall. The ceremony was conducted in a silence broken only by the solemn chanting of the Gospel by the archbishop during the foot-washing.

It would appear that the trade of tailor is conducive to long life in Austria, since no less than six of the 12 men had been engaged in that work.

How Shad Are Propagated.

When the United States government discovered that shad were growing scarce shad nurseries were established and millions of shad eggs planted, not only in the old swimming grounds of the shad, but also in the Pacific ocean and its rivers. The experiment was so successful that it is said there is now no danger of the extinction of the shad.

CATS THAT PLAY DUETS.

Plato and Socrates, Two New Jersey Feline Gentlemen, Do Some Wonderful Things.

Newark, N. J., boasts of two clever cats. Their names are Plato and Socrates. They are members of the cat family, and both, the Newark News insists, are gentlemen. In addition they are two of the prettiest and best educated cats that ever lapped milk from a saucer. The marked ability displayed by these feline gentlemen is such that none can fail to be interested.

"Toe" and "Sock," as they are familiarly called, are the pride and especial pets of their mistress. Though she is not an animal trainer, she has

PLAYING A DUET.

succeeded in teaching her two beautiful black cats to do a few tricks that are perfectly wonderful.

To begin with, Plato, the larger, his mistress will call him to her and say: "Now, Plato, prepare for your dinner." Plato will immediately rear upon his haunches, lick his paws clean and smooth down his glossy fur.

A chair is then placed with its back to the table, and a plate of meat cut in small pieces placed near it. After a napkin has been tied around his neck he is ordered to take his place at the table and eat his meal. Standing upon his haunches in the chair the intelligent animal will lean over the back of the chair, take a piece of meat in his paw and convey it to his mouth.

Strangely enough, however, if the napkin is not tied round his neck before the meal Plato will at once gobble up the meat just like any ordinary cat, and cannot be made to pick up one piece at a time with his paw.

Next Socrates is given a chance to display his talent. A stick about three feet in length is held vertically, with one end resting on the floor. At the command to show his claws "Sock" will stand on his hind feet, and, distending his claws as far as he can, reach up and get a firm clutch on the stick. Then he will slowly lift his hind feet off the floor and hang at arm's length from the stick.

Plato is very jealous of this particular performance on the part of his chum, and never fails to slip and tickle him on the hind feet. He will keep this annoyance up till "Sock" drops from the stick and climbs upon a chair for protection.

When it comes to an instrumental solo Plato is an expert. He will climb upon the stool and hammer the keys of the piano until the whole room resounds with the strains of what, from its lack of melody, approaches very nearly to some operas. Socrates cannot be induced to play the piano alone, but after a deal of coaxing and a bit of meat will climb upon the stool beside Plato and assist in a duet.

IS ROUGH ON RATS.

Jack, a Bucking Fox Terrier, Has an Original Way of Dispatching the Rodents.

Jack is the common enough name of an exceedingly uncommon fox terrier owned by William Kronberg, of 1186 Fourteenth avenue, Detroit. Like

JACK, THE BUCKING DOG.

almost all dogs of his breed, Jack is the sworn enemy of rats, but he has a most original way of making war on them. While yet a puppy he learned the broncho's trick of bucking, and has cultivated this art with deadly effect to any and all rodents that come within range of his vision or scent. Whenever Jack has trailed a rodent to the place of assassination he doubles up like a jackknife, springs in the air and then suddenly lands on his victim before the latter can begin to realize what his intentions are.

Jack is famous as a rat exterminator and he is in great demand in the neighborhood. His owner took a snapshot of him while he was in a bucking pose, ready to pounce upon a rat that was hidden under the sidewalk in the rear of Mr. Kronberg's home, and the Little Chronicle herewith presents a picture drawn from the photograph. Boys who have seen bucking broncos at Buffalo Bill's show will observe a marked resemblance between Jack's leap and those made by the western ponies.

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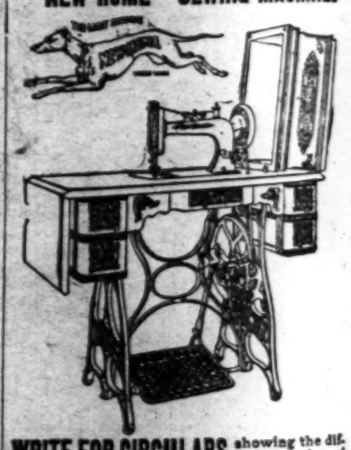

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I shall in this column endeavor to answer all correspondence that may be sent and urgently request young ladies to read this column, and any questions that they wished answered please send them in before Saturday of each week.

By Miss May Clematis.

Ellen. Don't believe all you hear.

Essie. Don't imagine all is true that is said to you.

Estelle. Some girls talk too much. Be careful how you talk and how you act.

Rachel. A good girl will be careful always. Flattery comes from a deceptive person.

D. T. Don't come to the conclusion that you are pretty because you are told so when you know to the contrary.

T. M. It is best to be sedate and as well as independent.

Julia. You should do all in your power to please those who are near and dear to you.

R. M. Beauty is only a skin deep. Good sense and good manners are always found in a sensible person.

I. M. The person who has something to say always is not the one to confide in.

Miss O. T. You should be satisfied when you are doing well. Some girls don't know when they are doing well.

D. M. The girl who doesn't care for dress is the one that will make a good wife.

M F. Your companion should be a lady of your age. Why some married woman insist on having as their companions single girls is hard to understand. Such, certainly must be lost for a single female companion. Yes, such association is objectionable.

Etta. You may think that your actions are approved, but they are not. A good and sincere friend is worth 20 pretended ones.

T. I. When a girl comes to the conclusion that she cannot be done without, it is best to convince her other wise.

Dorah. Do your duty and let your companions judge accordingly.

Isa. You may be carried away by new faces, but sooner or later you will regret it. Never desert your old friends without cause.

Netty. You cannot accomplish your desires if you show anxiety.

T. M. T. Don't show any more anxiety than your companion. Never permit one to think that you are anxious for him.

M. M. There is no reason why your accomplisements should not be developed. You should study and read books that will benefit you.

Ida. Good men are hard to find at this time. They are as scare as a good wife. Of course there are exceptions to the rule.

M. I. The noble act of a girl's life should be in protecting fallen girls.

B. T. Don't get conceited it shows weakness. Be what you are and nothing more.

Miss J. Valgarity should not be tolerated under any circumstance. Neither should slang be permitted in your company. A refined girl is a jewel and an educated one should always be acceptable.

Rity. Dress becomingly always and by all means see that your dress fit.

Lizzie. Be truthful, it will pay. Never allow one to lose confidence in you.

T. O. Be useful in whatever your occupation is. Protect yourself always.

Nellie. "A loud laugh betrays a vacant mind." It is bad taste and it shows careless rearing.

J. A. You place too much confidence in those you meet on first acquaintance. You should know a person well.

Annie. Should you go to the Exposition, I think it would be well to go with an elder person. Young ladies should not go such a distance from home with a crowd of young men and women.

It is to be regretted that a certain young lady lost her betrothed by death.

A man who is uncouth before marriage will certainly be worse afterwards. I have been informed that two fussy lovers, highly connected are about to wed.

Because a man associates with a lady for a number of years is no reason why they are bound to accept each other.

Confidence should be the bottom of all true friendship.

What is most becoming is stylish and not what is the fashion.

Maud. You should not have placed such confidence in her. Women are usually more deceitful then men.

There are to be five June weddings among the school marms.

The class of 1901 will have a good chance, especially the first ten, as there are to be host of weddings next fall and winter.

Teachers. It is hoped that the June brides will resign in time to give last years class a chance.

Fancy sleeves are the fad for all dresses, except the shirt waist, which looks very chic with bishop sleeves.

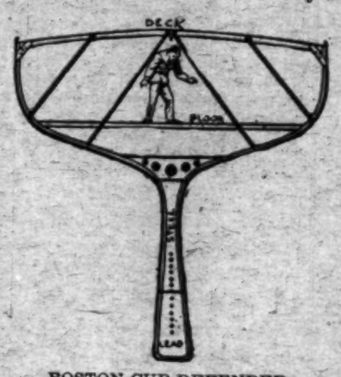
Ruffles and tucks are in vogue. Plain skirts seldom seen.

MODERN RACING YACHTS.

Why Cup Defenders Are Worthless for Cruising or Any Other Than Sporting Purposes.

Very few people realize how utterly worthless for all purposes except racing is the ordinary cup defender. As a matter of fact, craft of this kind are not entitled to be called "yachts" at all. They are racing machines pure and simple. This year, more than ever before, they have reached the limit.

The two boats now being built to defend the cup are enormously expensive to construct, equally costly to keep in commission and worthless for cruising purposes or for any of



BOSTON CUP DEFENDER.
(Midship Section of Independence, Showing the Interior.)

the uses to which the ordinary yacht is put. They have no cabin room and require enormous crews. We print herewith a midship section of the Independence, showing the interior of the Boston cup defender in her widest and deepest part. Here there is not room for a man to stand up below the deck.

The distance between the floor of the yacht and the deck is hardly more than a man's height. This, however, would not be so bad if it were not for the braces and cross beams, which cut up the interior of the yacht from stem to stern. Steel braces cut up the cabin room at angles of 45 degrees every few feet. It is impossible for two men to walk abreast inside the yacht anywhere between the bow and stern.

Under these circumstances, says the New York World, the construction of a cabin or of comfortable quarters for the crew is impossible. All that the inside of the modern racing machine is good for is, therefore, to store spare sails, blocks, spars, tarpaulins, etc. With a boat of this kind, requiring a large crew, it is impossible to go on a cruise, no matter how much her sail area may be reduced, for there would be no comfortable quarters below deck.

The old-fashioned yacht, on the other hand, was most comfortable for the owner and his guests and the crew, and indeed the pleasantest part of the craft was below deck, where a cozy cabin with ample room afforded every facility for enjoyment of life.

LOUIS GODARD'S PLAN.

Famous French Aeronaut and Six Companions to Cross the Atlantic in a Balloon.

Louis Godard, the famous French aeronaut who will soon attempt to cross the Atlantic from New York in a balloon with six passengers, has already made numerous perilous and successful voyages in the air, often alone, and sometimes accompanied by as many as 20 people. His father was a famous aeronaut and reared his son to the profession. From his childhood Godard had been accustomed to sailing through the air. A

M. LOUIS GODARD.
(French Aeronaut Who Wants to Cross Atlantic in Balloon.)

balloon, he says, is the safest of airships. He has traveled over the surface of almost all of continental Europe. He made one voyage from Prague to the Baltic, and in another he sailed with his balloon from Leipsic to Russia. In 1893 while at Marseilles he took up Victor Hugo in a balloon and the two were carried out for some distance over the open sea. The daring navigator has made nearly 1,000 ascents and has been patronized by all the crowned heads of Europe. He has a breastful of decorations given him for his courage by more than half the monarchs of Europe. He has founded schools of aerostatics, exhibited at numerous expositions and is probably the most successful aeronaut in the world. He is now in his forty-second year.

The Dot in Telegraphy.

The manner in which telegrams are sent over the wires, without punctuation or separation into words, easily explains the following error: A telegram sent from Rutland, Vt., to a "Mr. Hardman, Chester," was received by "Mr. Hard, Manchester."

The Easter Girl.

All the time her vision haunts me,
Whether I'm at work or play,
Haunts me ever, never ceasing,
Never through the night or day;
And I will not dare efface it,
Nor remove a single curl
From the picture in that vision
Of the charming Easter girl.

When the clanging bells proclaim it,
Advent of the Easter morn,
How the tides of recollection
Surging to my soul are borne;
And I see her fairy vision
Slowly to my eyes unfurl,
And devoutly do I worship
This, my lovely Easter girl.

In a church I sit; around me
Floats this maze of beauty still,
And she lifts her voice in worship—
Ah, I feel a tender thrill—
Still she comes in countless number,
And my brain is in a whirl
When I try to find among them
Mine, my own dear Easter girl!

JOAD OAKES.

USELESS LITTLE BITS.

In Germany a merchant was recently fined for using a quotation from the Bible as the beginning of an advertisement.

Sara Bernhardt's latest gown is said to have cost $7,000. It is decorated with diamonds and turquoises and the skins of 200 ermines were required to line the train.

Hetty Green was in Boston the other day and was invited to visit a theater in the evening. The richest woman in America declined, saying she did not have "any clothes good enough."

When Mr. Hare got his first London engagement he was paid ten dollars a week for playing Sam Gerridge in "Caste." A few years later he declined an offer of $500 a week to play the same part. "Circumstances alter cases," in the copy-book phrase.

Col. Sharpe, assistant commissary general of the army, is a strong believer in the policy of giving soldiers a liberal supply of sweetmeats. "When you give the boys candy," says he, "they don't want to drink whisky. You never saw an old toper eating candy. I think the men now in the Philippines should have three-quarters of a pound per month each. That's what we are sending them."

STUBBORN FACTS.

The average number of medical students in London is 549.

An acre of growing wheat uses 60 tons of water a month.

There are 1,150,000 civil law suits per year in England; 708,000 in France.

British farmers and gardeners used £32,000,000 worth of fertilizers yearly.

Europe grows but 27,000,000 acres of maize, against 73,000,000 in the United States.

Twenty-nine thousand five hundred stray dogs are taken up in London streets in a single year.

The letter "y" occurs 22 times in each 1,000 letters in English; in Spanish, 5 times; in French, 2.

If 33 pounds' pull move a wagon over wood pavement, a pull of 147 pounds will be needed to move the same vehicle over a newly-graveled road.

British friendly societies have a membership of 1,100,000, and a capital of £13,000,000, against 1,252,000 members of French societies. The capital of the latter is, however, under £6,000,000.

THE ELECTRICAL WORLD.

Six hundred thousand persons are employed in the electrical industries of the United States and about $4,000,000,000 is invested in them.

Prof. Robenan, the Berlin electrical expert, who is studying the applicability of electric traction to the Trans-Siberian railroad, states that within ten years one will be able to travel around the world in 22 days.

Plans are about completed to close up the gaps between New York and Philadelphia and complete a trolley line between the two big cities. The tracks of a couple of steam roads are to be used for a portion of the way and a high rate of speed is expected. The promoters say that the full fare each way will be one dollar. The round trip between the two places by the steam roads is four dollars.

The Promoter.

Johnnie—Paw, what's a promoter?

Paw—It's a fellow who hasn't any money and who is looking around for some one who has.—Syracuse Herald.

A Forceful Reply.

Tommy—Pop, what is the greatest force in local politics?

Pop—The police force, my son.—Philadelphia Record.

Sharing the Glory.

"Henrietta isn't one of these women who want to put a husband in the background and make him stay there."

"No, indeed!"

"Is she trying to make you prominent?"

"Yes. She is going to deliver a lecture to her club on how to manage husbands, and she wants me to come up on the platform and be an example."—Washington Star.

Vacant Lot Cultivation.

Vacant lots have been successfully cultivated in Philadelphia under the direction of the Philadelphia Vacant Lots Cultivation association. During the past years gardens were provided for 480 families, consisting of 2,486 persons. The aggregate receipts from the various farms showed a total of $24,560. This is six times the amount expended by the association on the lands. Five families became so adept at gardening that their savings have enabled them to hire ample farms of their own. Thirteen families were given Belgian hares for experiment last year, and the successful results attained will cause the association to take up this line of industry on the farms this year.

PERSONAL POINTERS.

Frank Doster, chief justice of the Kansas supreme court, has served in a variety of professions. He started as a railroad engineer, was next a soldier, then an actor and finally a lawyer.

Senator Hoar, of Massachusetts, was recently asked his opinion of a popular speaker. "Well," was the slow reply, "he explodes like Vesuvius, but with none of the lava and all of the gas."

Vice President Roosevelt prefers to be called by the title of "colonel" rather than by that belonging to the exalted civic position he now holds. "I earned my coloneley," he says, "and the other thing came to me."

Sidney A. Witherbee, a millionaire mine-owner and promoter of Mexican railways, of Detroit, is said to carry the heaviest life insurance of any man in Michigan. He placed $300,000 a few days ago, making his total insurance $500,000. Mr. Witherbee pays in annual premiums $18,000.

Ten years ago Senator Thomas C. Platt, of New York, was quite a robust man, and seldom experienced a day's illness. He has aged wonderfully in the past few years, and especially since the recent death of Mrs. Platt. His term as senator will expire in 1903, at which time he will be 70 years old.

The only American Indian in the United States navy is Chapman Schenandoah, an Oneida 29 years old, who is on the cruiser Atlanta. He served through the war with Spain on the San Francisco and the New York. The dusky sailor, who is a favorite among his shipmates, is a graduate of Hampton institute.

Prof. William Dewitt Alexander, who has been for many years at the head of the survey department of Hawaii, has resigned to accept a position on the United States coast and geodetic survey. He will have charge of that branch of the department which has to deal with Hawaii and Samoa. He is a native of Honolulu, his father, a missionary, being a native of Kentucky.

GOSSIP OF THE SPORTS.

Cyclists will make Buffalo their Mecca this coming season. The L. A. W. annual meet will be held there in connection with the professional races given by the N. C. A.

Havana is anxious to become a racing center. The New Morales Park association has applied for membership in the American turf congress and proposes to open its season November 15.

The University of Michigan is getting even with the University of Chicago for a galling football defeat last fall. The Wolverines have captured two winter indoor meets from the Maroons.

J. H. Taylor, British open golf champion, has been challenged to play a match by Jack White, professional at the Seaford links, for $250 a side. The match is to be home-and-home, 72 holes in all.

A remarkable fish yarn comes from Metropolis, Ill., where a Lake Michigan perch was caught in the Ohio river. Chicagoans say the fish descended the drainage canal to the Illinois, thence to the Mississippi and down to Cairo, where it turned up the Ohio.

The South Wind.

Wind that sings of the dreamy South
When the pale first blossoms woo the bee,
Wind that flings from a golden mouth
Tender spray of the summer sea,
Wind that keeps for us light and bloom,
That cradles the bird in the tree-top nest,
Wind that sleeps in the lilac's plume,
Of the winds of heaven we love thee best.

Over the springing wheat fields pass,
And over the small home gardens fare,
Evermore bringing to grain and grass,
And the flowers thy breath of blessing rare.
Give us the cup of thy wine to taste,
O wind of the South, so strong and fleet!
Never a drop of its joy to waste,
In the days of the springtime coy and sweet.

—Margaret E. Sangster, in Woman's Home Companion.

Easter Hymn.

He is risen! o'er the nations
Breathes a wondrous light, divine,
And each bosom thrills with rapture,
With a love supreme, benign.
Out the radiance gleams the token
Of a world redeemed, set free;
Of to-day's release from sorrow,
Of to-morrow's Jubilee.

He is risen! songs of gladness,
Tones angelic, voice sublime,
Swell above all thoughts of sadness,
With a wild, ecstatic chime—
Well up towards the heavenly mansions,
Bursting in the courts above,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ is risen. God is Love.

—Dr. S. S. Bogert, in N. Y. Observer (1900).

To Find Easter.

"Thirty days hath September,"
Every person can remember;
But to know when Easter's come
Puzzles even scholars, some.

When March the twenty-first is past
Just watch the silvery moon,
And when you see it full and round
Know Easter'll be here soon.

After the moon has reached its full
Then Easter will be here
The very Sunday after,
In each and every year.

And if it hap on Sunday
The moon should reach its height,
The Sunday following this event
Will be the Easter bright.

—Christian Work.

Fruition.

I scattered seed on a barren plain,
And watered the furrow with tears;
My heart was heavy with grief and pain,
And my soul distraught with fears.
But after many weary days
Of lowering clouds and rain,
I gathered from seed that was sown in tears
A harvest of golden grain.

—Lizzie Clarke-Hardy, in Good Housekeeping

Mrs. Throop (excitedly)—Bridget, there's a policeman ringing the front door bell!

Bridget (coolly)—Well, ma'am, yes can tell him Oi'm not in.—Brooklyn Eagle.

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STATE AND COUNTY NOTES.

Northwestern Iowa has begun shipping choice butter to Porto Rico.

The proportion of divorces to marriages in Rhode Island is about one to eight.

Texas now raises more than double the amount of cotton produced by any other state in the union.

It is estimated that fully 10,000 "laws" will have been enacted before all the state legislatures adjourn.

The smallest county in the United States is Bristol county, in Rhode Island, with 25 square miles. The largest is Custer county, in Montana, with 20,490 square miles, or more than the two states of New Hampshire and Vermont, and 5,318 miles more than the entire states of Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut.

Didn't Have Time.

"Good gracious, child, you're dripping wet!"

"Yes, mother; I fell into the pond."

"With your new clothes on, too."

"I'm sorry, mum, but I didn't have time to take them off."—N. Y. World.

Case Was Hopeless.

"I understand that failure once stared him in the face," he said.

"Possibly, possibly," she replied, "but I happen to know that no kind of a stare would disturb him in the least. I once tried it myself."—Chicago Post.

Gold in a Wild Goose.

A mild sensation has been caused in New Westminster, B. C., by the discovery of $12.50 in gold as big as flaxseed in the crop of a wild goose which was killed at Pitt lake, 28 miles from Westminster. Many prospectors have started for the scene of the supposed gold placers.

Took Him Down.

"No," he said; "I'm not sure whether my wife's birthday gift to me was meant to please me or to humble my pride."

"What did she give you?" asked his friend.

"She had a crayon portrait of me made by an amateur artist."—Catholic Standard and Times.

Taking a Mean Advantage.

"It's got so," the man in the brown jeans suit was saying, "that you can't trust anybody these days. I saw an advertisement of a man in the east that said for ten cents he'd send a book of 45 pages of mighty spicy readin'."

"Well," they asked him: "What did you get when you sent the ten cents?"

"A catalogue of a spice mill, by gash!"—Chicago Tribune.

Brutal Frankness.

She—So you're just back from Paris. What did you think of the French girls? Are they pretty?

He—Well, they've got the most soulful black eyes and the biggest mustaches of any girls I ever saw.—Philadelphia Record.

The Woman of It.

Suburbs—What was that you said about the automatic fire-extinguisher?

Mrs. Suburbs—After the expense you went to in buying it I think it's a shame that the house hasn't caught fire yet.—Judge.

Slow Progress.

Pearl—So Dick gave you a lesson in poker. What hand did you hold?

Ruby—I really can't remember. Dick held my hand all the time.—Chicago Daily News.

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Sectionalism with a Vengence.

There is a great deal of jealously rising among the negroes in office which will prove to their detriment. This same feeling was inaugurated, among certain northern negroes, under the Harrison Administration which resulted in retiring a good man, Dr. J. M. Townsend, who was made Recorder of the Land office. Invitations have been issued, and THE BEE has one, to be present at a banquet this evening in which our esteemed townsman, Hon. John P. Green, is the guest of honor. The invitation states that a number of colored men from the North, East and West will meet in banquet "looking to the formation of a permanent association for the advancement of the material interest of its members." Just why the representatives of the South should be ignored, the promoters have failed to state. Should not the material interest of the negroes South be looked after as well as the material interest of the negroes North, East and West? What does it mean? Is it an attempt to inform the administration that it must look after the negroes from the sections named to the exclusion of the poor negroes South, who have demonstrated greater political sagacity than the negroes from the sections named? This kind of politics should cease and THE BEE would suggest that the administration pay no attention to a few office holders, who claim to represent a constituency that does'nt exist, thus throwing discord among intelligent voters who don't ask to be represented or express imaginary grievances.

A similiar movement was inaugurated under the Harrison administration. A few Northern negroes got together and resolved, among themselves, that Dr. J. M Townsend should have a better place than Recorder of the Land office. Hon. E. P. McCabe was the spokesman of this Northern mutual administration society and this man, with a few other office holder, lead Dr. Townsend to believe that he should have a better place. President Harrison asked the committee was not Dr. Townsend satisfied?

No Sir: Said the spokesman.

What does he want? remarked Mr. Harrison.

Well, said the spokesman, Mr. Townsend wants either the Recordership of the District of Columbia or Register of the Treasury.

He can't have either, said Mr. Harrison.

Well said the spokesman, he will resign.

Well, let him resign, said Mr. Harrison.

The committee returned to Dr. Townsend and informed him of what the President had said. A few weeks thereafter Dr. Townsend resigned. Mr. McCabe, who wanted to be Governor of Oklahoma, and a few others were soon retired. The last time Dr. Townsend was heard from, he was preaching and the others have not been heard of since. The Southern negroes continued to be appointed to good positions while some of them who knew it all, advised the masses of the negro voters to support the democratic party. Some of them supported the democratic party and the moment that party got in power it commenced to disfranchise the negro and it has never ceased. There is no reason why the Southern negro should have been ignored. THE BEE has great respect for the Southern negro. He has been struggling ever since his emancipation, and it was through the chicanery of the Northern politicians that placed the negro South in the embarrassing position which he is in to day. Here is a banquet to take place this evening, so the invitation states, looking to the amelioration of the condition of the negroes, North, East, and West. The Southern negro is not invited to join in with his brethern in the sections named, and why? Is the negro South envied? If no, why is he not invited? While the absence of THE BEE will not stop the banquet, it has too much respect and regard for the struggling Southern negro to attend

The greatest and most successful negroes have come from the South. Because the southern negro is deprived of his vote is no fault of his and President McKinley has a liberal spirit toward the depressed negro in the South and for men who claim that they want to advance the progress of the negro to discriminate against the southern negro is an evidence of their insincerity of the material advancement of the negro, North, East and west. Have these men who claim to want to advance the interest of the negro North, East and West, constituences? Have they been authorized to represent said constituences? If this were a democratic administration nothing would be heard of such a movement. These office holders would remain in their holes and be glad to do it if they were not molested. What interest have they to advance save their own selfish interest? It is not the disposition of THE BEE to criticise any assembly of people because they demand what is right and just. But, The Bee will say that the South has produced the greatest and most successful negroes in the United States. What has the North, East and Western negro done that he should arogate superiority over the southern negro? Is not the southern negro a gentleman.

Every negro representative that has been in our National Congress, at any time, has come from the South. Has the negro North, East or West ever been represented in our National Congress?

"Has it come to this?"

Has the negro North, East and West decended to the level of a coward that he is afraid to invite his brethren south to feast with him?

There is too much selfishness among the northern, eastern and western negro. In no state north is there sufficient concentration of the suffrages of the negro to demonstrate his power. It has been fully shown that he is a subject and must obey the command of the white man. The North, East and West have produced no great negroes. History is repeating itself. President McKinley has done and is doing with the entire force of his administration, everything, to obliterate sectionalism. He is endeavoring to blot out every vestige of disaffection among his countrymen, to enable the blue and the gray, the North and the South, the East and the West and all classes of people to live in union and brotherly love. The negro is the last one to attempt to discriminate against his poor and bleeding black brother south, who is struggling for existence and praying to God, who rules the destiny of nations, to deliver him from the tyrants' clutches. Away with such subterfuge and with such demagoguery. No self respecting negro, who has any love for his race or the negro south will respect such a movement. Notwithstanding the oppression of the southern negro and the impediments with which he has to encounter, his progress is greater than the negro North, East or West. No sectionalism for us, but let us have one President and one country.

OUR WOMEN.

From the March Arena.

The Negro woman and Negro girl, judged by civilized standards, are to a large extent immoral. It is almost impossible to rear a girl under present conditions and avoid this result. There is not yet developed in the race, as a whole, a pride in and honor for its women. First savages, then slaves, with the women in the position as beasts of burden and bearers of future slaves, and with scarcely forty years intervening, the result is inevitable. The Negro woman of the lower type still recognizes her subservience to the white man and yields herself quite as readily now as then. Precidents and habits of association are powerful factors in directing the action of these women. There are few occupations, aside from domestic service open to them, and prostitutes are recruited from this class.' Continuing this same question Prof. Kellor, in speaking of position of the white women of the south, he says:

"The attitude of the white woman is conducive to Negro immorality, for they are generally indifferent to the relations of their husbands and brothers with Negroes—where a northern white woman of equal standing would not be. This is unquestionably due to the practices in vogue during slavery."

The great trouble with some negro men, is they don't respect their women. They are too quick to suspicion every woman who may be spoken well of or may have elevated herself and progressed in the higher walks of life. There are some noble and good women in this country and if they are bad, they have been made so by corrupt men. Colored women are not surrounded with the inviroments with which some white women are surrounded. Some colored men have no respect for a decent colored woman and if he gives one any assistance he comes to the conclusion that he owns her and loves to boast of what he has given her. If colored men had more respect for their women, and protect them more there would be less immorality among them. Every avenue is closed against our worthy colored women and girls. They have no large stores in which they can go to be employed. Colored men with means offer no inducements for our girls and women. There was a time, that a respectable colored girl could not be employed in a public office, without comment, while the young white girl and woman were respected and encouraged. Let the men protect their women and there will be less immorality among them.

A negro will enter a white man's office and see a white girl or woman and he will snatch his hat off, but he enters a colored man's office and sees one of the most refined and highly educated colored ladies, he will ask her all kinds of questions. The first thing that he wants to know is, how much money she is getting, where does she live, do you want to take dinner. She can't be polite because negro men will not permit her. When negro men learn how to respect their women then and not until then will there be less immorality among them.

What Is The Difference?

From the St. Louis Radical.

There should n't be a very exalted opinion placed on a negro journal that will spell the word "Negro" and use a lower-case n. The Washington Bee does this.

What difference does it make if the word negro is spelled with a lower-case n? This is an advanced age and races are weighed by their weight, advancement and progressiveness. There are fools who have diplomas and there are wise men who have more. Big names count for nothing as well as big men. Small men sometimes have greater minds than large men. When the negro race reaches that degree of progress, honesty and progressiveness as other nationalities, then it will be time enough to spell negro with a big N. See? The negro has a poor opinion any way of his own journals. If he had a better opinion, negro editors would cease appealing to the white people to support their journals. See?

Still Out.

There are hundreds of negro republicans walking the streets while their places are being retained by negro democrats. In every branch of the government can be found negro democrats who are circulating stories against republican official who are and have been more than friendly disposed toward the negro. There can be no reason advanced why colored republicans should be made to walk the streets while their political enemies are holding their jobs in the several department of the government.

The Northern negro has begun to make faces at the negro South,

RECORDER H. P. CHEATHAM.

He is Reappointed for Four Years—Gives a new Bond, etc.

Recorder of Deeds, Henry P. Cheatham has given a new bond as Recorder of Deeds for the District of Columbia. Mr. Cheatham has filled the office very acceptably for four years

HON. H. P. CHEATHAM.

and has commanded the respect of the entire bar association and citizens generally. He has in his employment a large force of efficient clerks who have the respect and confidence of the Recorder. Mr. Cheatham is one of the most accomplished representatives in the negro race as well as having the respect and confidence of the administration. He is a thoraugh race man and he never looses an opportunity to do all in his power for the worthy and needy. The reappointment of Mr. Cheatham by the President is an evidence of the esteem in which he is held by the administration and the republican party.

HAWLEY AND THE NEGROES.

From the Dallas Texas World.

Will any Negro be appointed to Federal position? is a question that is being asked daily. This is a hard nut to crack. Last year, when we were making the campaign for delegates, to the National convention, who favored a candidate for National committeeman with liberal and broad views on this very question, those who now seem to be in darkness upon this question essayed to have much light on the question then lost much rest, night and day, attempting to convence the Negro that if he would cast his vote for Mr. Hawley and elect him to the position of National committeeman, such positions as Collectors, Deputyships and large paying Clerkships would be given to the negro, and an epoch of good times would be in store for them all. This political clap-trap was promulgated by Negro men of supposed intelligence and influence. Through the perfidy of Mr. Hawley and the disgraceful acts of his cohorts and by the good grace of a more designing National committee Mr. Hawley was forced on the people of Texas as their leader with power to fill the functions of such a position. No sooner than this man Hawley was given temporary power he assumed a hostile attitude toward all Negroes. He joins in the mad and insane clamor to put the Negro in the back ground and not allow him to hold office. This is the reward that Texas Negroes get for electing Mr. Hawley to Congress twice and making condition such as to give the National committee a chance to make him their National committeeman in Texas. In any other person this would be regarded as the basest and worst sort of ingratitude. The World has in all ages regarded ingratitude as the basest of all crimes, and whether there be a god in every star that shines, gratitude is a virtue. There must come a reckoning day and the trusting Negro will awake to find out that every man who proclaims sincere friendship, is in fact no friend at all. Such will come of Mr. Hawley's duplicity, and what will he do when he cannot fool the Negro any longer. Already Mr. Hawley has sent it down the line that he will not endorse a single Negro for a responsible office in Texas, so it is whispered around, yet there are Negroes in Texas stupid enough to prescribe fealty to his leadership. The time has come in the life of the Negro that he must stand with those who stand with him and stand against those who stand against him, regardless of whom they may be or what party they represent.

There is no need to kick now. When you had Cuney on the National Committee representing Texas, you were dissatisfied and kicked him off. No sooner was this done, than you commenced to grieve over it. "There are some negroes in the south who are never satisfied unless a white man leads them. Whose fault is it that Mr. Hawley is on the National Committee? You had no faith in your negro representative. Cease grumbling and go to work and hoe corn and pick cotton, because you will make better success at that than you will in politics.

MAY BE; MAY NOT BE "GOOD."

The District of Columbia has three colored members on the School Board, a few Negro policemen, one or two Negro firemen. Now that we have a new fire chief perhaps we may have a few more in the fire department. Good times are coming.—Washington Bee.

From the St. Joseph's Radical.

Metaphorically speaking the euphonious language, we regret that we are so obtuse as to seize the meaning of the remarks of the astute editor of the Washington Bee, but if the learned gentleman of the capital city makes any reference to St. Joseph when he says "good," we refuse to agree with him, but as to Topeka we can, because it has about the same voting population as St. Joseph and about one-sixth that of Washington, as we understand. We are unable to speak in an intelligent way regarding the situation in Washington, from a political point of view, as to whether Negroes are enjoying any particular political honors or not in having been successful in securing two members of the School Board, a few Negro policemen and one or two Negro firemen, we don't know which, "one" or "two," when they number somewhere near the ninety thousandth mark.

There are two many "false alarm" politicians connected with the present city administration for the Negroes to expect anything in St. Joseph; still we think Mayor Combe, being the Republican candidate and elected by the Negro vote, he might have gone a step further and appointed a member of the race to some other place than that of janitor. Perhaps the politicians' presence is only a natural result of a municipial campaign and they're only a bad effect caused by the corruption of politics, but the above facts do not make their poorishness any the less oppressive.

They'll do anything.

Now, which is it "good" for, St. Joseph, Topeka or Washington?

Let us be thankful for small favors. There may be a few false alarm politicians connected with the administration, but they are good men and have climbed to the topmost round of the ladder by hard work. The outs generally call the ins corrupt and when the ins succeed the outs begin to kick. Yes we have a man at the head of the police department in this city who, no doubt will give the negro a chance. In the opinion of THE BEE. St. Joseph, Topeka and Washington are doing well. Don't dispise the day of small things.

Respect Your Place.

There are several places in this city kept by colored men where ladies and gentlemen may go without any restraint. A place is made respectable by people acting decent and where respectable people are permitted to go. There is no cause for the colored people not patronizing their own places if they are treated well and they can obtain the same service. Colored society has not reached that point in life, that gives it a license to go to a place where a sample room is attached. There are three classes of people or more who visit such places. The refined lady doesn't care to come in contact with the sporting woman. A sporting woman wants her wines and bear. This is distastful to the refined lady, who likes to go out for a quite evening to a first class supper but who doesn't like wines. Then there is the drinking man, who does't care what he says in the presence of a refined lady. He doesn't know the rules of polite society, hence he doesn't care what he says or does in the presence of ladies. There is not enough of the respectable people so called to support a first class place, but still there are several first class colored places in this city where ladies are protected if they go. Let patrons learn how to respect these places in which they go and they will continue to be respectable.

Our High School Cadets.

The citizens and the friends of the High School Cadets should not fail to attend the drill Friday May 31. Prof. R. H. Terrell of the High School has made every necessary arrangements to have one of the finest exhibitions that has ever taken place in this city. It will take place at the Base Ball grounds 14th street and Florida ave, northeast.

Mrs. Bonnie relieved the detective force.

The theory of detective Lacy and Brown was the right one at first

If there is no unity among negro professional men, how can you expect to find any among the poor and needy?

The Board of Education has settled the principal of the Industrial School

The democrats of Maryland will no doubt be convinced that honesty is the best policy.

Every negro who imagine that he amounts to something should have himself desected.

The best solution of the negro question is for the negro to compete with the white man in all the walks of life.

Senator Quay is no doubt the most successful politican in the country.

It is best, always, to think well before you express yourself. Good thinkers very seldom make mistakes.

Why negro democrats are more successful in holding office than republicans are in securing negro jobs is aquestion that cannot be understood.

The citizens are responding liberally to the call of the Florida sufferers. Cashier D. B. McCary of the Capital Savings Bank will send a good sum from the colored pople who have been asked to aid the suffers.

DAVID R. FRANCIS.

Noted Missouri Politician Elected President of the Great St. Louis Exposition of 1903.

Former Gov. David R. Francis, who has just been elected president of the Louisiana Purchase exposition of 1903, was one of the earliest promoters of that great enterprise. Mr. Francis, like so many politically-distinguished men of Missouri, is a Kentuckian. He has just begun his fifty-second year. At 16 he came to St. Louis, was graduated from Washington university in 1870, and, entering commercial life, he became president of the Merchants' exchange in 1883. He was a delegate to the democratic convention of 1884, and in 1885 he was elected mayor of St.

HON. DAVID R. FRANCIS.
(President of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition of 1903.)

Louis, defeating his republican opponent, who four years previously had received a majority of 14,000 votes. The new mayor became so strong politically that he was given the nomination for governor in 1888, and few candidates for that post have had a more united and enthusiastic following. In the closing days of the last Cleveland administration Mr. Francis was appointed secretary of the interior, and served in that position until the inauguration of President McKinley the first time. When the democratic party split on the silver issue in 1896 he took sides with the sound money faction, and has remained that kind of a democrat ever since. He is already mentioned as a presidential possibility for 1904.

Fortune for Seven Dollars.

A seven-dollar investment netted Peter Greenhalgh over $4,000. He is a resident of Venango, Pa., and he there bought an old safe at auction for seven dollars. In the safe he found gold coin and paper money to the value of $4,250.

A German City in China.

Three years ago the city of Tsing-Tan, the German Chinese port, was a poor fishing port. It is now a city of electric lights, telephones, waterworks, hotels and government houses.

ALL MANNER OF CONCERNS.

The Roman roads, according to their importance, were from eight to thirty feet in width.

Florida will continue for four years at least to lease its convicts to the highest bidders.

The price paid for hemp in Yucatan has brought great prosperity to the people of that land.

A bill which has just become a law of New York makes the funeral expenses of a deceased person payable from his estate before any other debts.

Argentine republic is preparing to send a team to compete in the international rifle match in New Jersey next summer.

The Evanston (Ill.) Golf club has the championship hole of the United States. It is 580 yards from the tee. It will be hard to make with a drive and a putt.

A fine specimen of the periophthalmus family, a species of fish that is supposed to be confined strictly to African waters, was recently caught near Fernandina, Fla.

CURTAIN CALLS.

London is threatened with a dramatic production of Oscar Wilde's fantastic story, "The Picture of Dorian Grey."

James K. Hackett may tour Australia in the summer of 1902, a proposal to that effect having been made to him by J. C. Williamson.

Paris critics have treated the French version of "Quo Vadis" with marked hostility, asserting that it is a plagiarism from the elder Dumas' "Acte" and Chateaubriand's "Martyrs."

Charles Hawtrey, who comes to this country next season with a fine English reputation to back him up, will appear in New York in the fall in "A Message from Mars." He will be under Charles Frohman's management.

JOHN KELVEY RICHARDS.

Ohio Lawyer Who Has Been Solicitor General of the United States Since 1897.

John Kelvey Richards, solicitor general of the United States, whose name was prominently mentioned in connection with the appointmet of attorney general, is an Ohio man. born March 15, 1856. He graduated from Harvard college in 1877, studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1879.

His legal abilities were recognized at the outset. From 1880 to 1882 he was prosecuting attorney of Lawrence county, senator in the Ohio state legislature from 1890 to 1892

JOHN KELVEY RICHARDS.
(Solicitor General of the United States Government.)

and attorney general of Ohio during Gov. McKinley's administration, from 1892 to 1896. In 1897 he was appointed solicitor general of the United States.

Mr. Richards is an ardent republican and from his youth has taken an active interest in politics. His public services have been many and valuable. While state senator he drafted laws which enabled the state to increase its revenues by taxes upon foreign corporations, telegraph, telephone and express companies, and upon street railroads, electric light, gas, water, pipe line and similar corporations of a quasi-public nature. This was a distinct departure in Ohio's tax laws, and Mr. Richards successfully defended it in the highest courts, state and federal. He also defended and sustained the compulsory education law of Ohio in the supreme court.

He has argued most of the important cases submitted to the courts during the present administration, including that of the so-called Porto Rican cases in the supreme court. In some of these battles he has met ex-Senator Edmunds, ex-Secretary Carlisle and many others, and all the honors have not been with these great legal luminaries.

Mr. Richards was married in 1890 to Anna Willard Steece, and has two children, a boy and a girl.

ADELAIDE RISTORI.

Famous Italian Tragedienne, Now 80 Years of Age, About to Marry the Mayor of Turin.

Adelaide Ristori, the Italian tragedienne of the second and third quarter of the last century, who is about to marry the mayor of Turin, Signor Casana, is now 80 years old and has been living in retirement since 1873. Her farewell performance was given in Manchester, England, on November 8 of that year. In 1882 she reappeared on a few occasions as Lady Macbeth with all her old distinction if not her fire. Ristori was born in Fruill of parents who were themselves actors. Her first triumph was in 1855 at Paris,

ADELAIDE RISTORI.
(Famous Italian Tragedienne to Become a Bride at Eighty.)

when Rachel was at the zenith of her fame. She flung down the gage of battle for supremacy to that great actress and triumphed. Her reception in England was enthusiastic. In 1857 she appeared in Spain and in 1860 in Holland, in 1861 in Russia, in 1864 at Constantinople and afterward in the United States and other parts of the world. In 1862 the medal of honor in the sciences and arts was conferred upon her by King William I. of Prussia. Her favorite characters were Medea, Lady Macbeth, Fazio, Phaedra, Deborah, Judith, Francesca de Riviera and Camilla. Ristori was married to Marquis del Grillo. She was a clever writer, and her "Reminiscences," published in 1887, is a book replete with accounts of the intimate characters of the great people of her time.

Ancient Egyptian Bonnet.

The oldest bonnet in the world is the one which was found on the mummy of an Egyptian princess who lived about 2,000 years before Christ.

Earl's Etchings.

They say murder will out. The Bonine murder case is a departure from the reglar custom.

Miss Mabel Br oks of Second Street, southwest is confined to her residence with a mild attack of Malaria.

Mr. Richard H. Hughes, a stenographer in one of the District Courts, anticipates a trip across the ocean soon. He will visit the "Holy Lands" before returning.

Mr. C. W. Christian, the popular funeral director, who met with a sad mishap la'e Sunday night is doing w l'. He fell through an open trap door ar d broke two ribs. Dr. Allan is the attending physician.

Rev. W. H. Snowden of the Zion Connection has returned from Conference, where he went to receive orders. Mr. Snowden returns to the same Church much to the satisfaction of his congregation.

Cards are but announcing the marriage of Mr. William Francis Evans to Miss Lethia Elizabeth Walker on Wednesday evening June 5 at the Alfred Street Baptist Church, Alexandria, Va. Both parties are well known in this city.

The rumor is that Rev. Walter H. Brooks will not go to the First Baptist Church, Richmond Va. His friends claim that he has never entertained such an idea and the alleged charge is without foundation. The pulpit in question is the one formerly occupied by the late John Jasper.

Mr. Harry Prater. the young character actor, who will appear in a dramatic cast entitled "Unmasked" or "A Sheep in wolf's clothing" booked to take place at the Plymouth Congregational Church June 7, has lost none of that histronic geniusnes sdisplayed last year in the amuseing Curletta "His Folly." Mr. Prater takes the leading role.

Sunday afternoon was "Pen and Pencil" day at the Second Baptist Lycenm. The attendance was unusually large and brought together an audience of vast proportion. Five minute speeches were ma.e by Messrs W. T. Menard, Allan, Pelham, Simmons aud Paul Bray. After this Judge M. W. Gibbs U. S. Consul to Madagascar was introduced. He gave some interesting details about the place, he represented and praised the adminis. tration for the sound policy in vogue The other features were; a vocal solo Mr. Lucien M. White and an instrumental selection by Mrs. Robert Pelham, Mr. R. W. Thompson president of the Lyceum presided.

Among the topics discussed at a special meeting of the teachers of the Presbyterian Sunday School Sunday morning was whether it would be proper to have n or not at a proposed picnic sch. uled for the early part of June. While some favored the proposition others opposed it and made room for an unnecessary wrangle. We fail to see why the pleasures of the young people should be curtailed, when object in view proves the contrary. Let us hope that this part of the program will be permitted. Give to the young the full comfort of life and allow them these sympathetic advantages. A days outing spent in dancing and other similar enjoyment is not harmful in the least. We do not wish to secularize the cause of the church or in any way impair the creed, but merely defend that which we think is just, the aesthetic ambition of every rightly disposed young man and woman. "On with the dance: the scene is delightful, the effect entrancing; On with the dance.

Friday afternoon next at 4.30 p m. companies A, B and C of the High School cadets will appear at the American League Base Ball Park to compete for a medal that is. awarded each year for the most successfully drilled company. The friends of the boys look forward to this event with much concern and enthusiasm. Capt. Bannister, Hawksworth and Mattingly, have supreme hopes and deserve individual medals for effort. The military health of the men is excellent. say nothing of the unique manner in which they are equipping themselves. The officers seem loath to talk about the coming affair. After considerable hesitation Capt. Hawksworth in response to a question put to him by a reporter the other day, said "Its no easy thing to prepare a company for a competitive drill. Of course we have sufficient time, but that is a small item, when the bill is added and balanced. I mean to say, and no one knows it better than I, that the amount of energy wasted in this direction is quite indeed appalling." At this juncture the captain smiled. "Well we are going into it for what it is worth and I dare say the company that beats us will have no snap." With this the interview concluded and the reporter left, wishing the captain and his compnny the best possible result in the contest.

EARL.

Well Healed.

"Your medicine has helped me wonderfully," she wrote to the patent medicine house. "Three weeks ago I could not spank the baby, and now I am able to thrash my husband. God Bless you!"—Smart Set.

Hearsay Evidence.

"Has the family been what is called 'respectable' very long?"

"I should judge not. The old lady says 'has gotten.'"—Chicago Times-Herald.

The Result.

"You don't feel well, eh? What's the trouble?"

"Well, I had a cold, and I took a lot of advice about what to do for it."—Brooklyn Life.

Voice of Experience.

"You need a larger desk for all those papers."

"No, I need a smaller one. I've got too much room to make a mess now."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Jasper—"I hear that Bighead is interested in amateur theatricals." Jumpuppe—"Well, yes, he is implicated."—Town Topics.

FUNERAL FOR A CAT.

"Old Mat" Was Buried in Pennsylvania with Impressive Ceremonies and Honors.

Did you ever hear of a cat's funeral? Such occurrences are very rare, but at Narberth, Pa., the other week scores of people attended such a ceremony over the remains of Old Mat, a general village favorite.

Old Mat had certainly earned as much right to be called "a well-known and old respected citizen" as many who walked on two legs less than he did. He was only a cat, but by his conspicuous sagacity, his purring kindness and his undaunted courage he had gained the respect of every inhabitant of Narberth and the surrounding country. Perhaps stray dogs learned to respect him most of all.

George L. Brimley was nominally the owner of Old Mat, and he declares

BURIED WITH CEREMONY.

that the cat was invaluable as a "watchdog," having once tackled single-handed, or rather four-footed, a gang of burglars who forced an entrance to Brimley's store and effectively driven them away with the loss of several clawsful of hair and flesh.

When the news of Old Mat's death became known everybody in Narberth felt as if an old friend had gone from their midst, and it was determined to give Mat such a funeral as never before fell to the lot of a cat. A small casket, lined with silk, was made and covered by a silk coat made for the purpose. Into this the battle-scarred body of Old Mat was reventially laid.

The funeral ceremonies were held in the back parlor of the Brimley household. Harry Brimley delivered an exhaustive eulogy over the remains, and then all hands retired to the cemetery, situated in the backyard. In the center of the lawn a deep grave had been dug, and around this the mourners ranged themselves. By John Calter and Harry M. Humes, who acted as pallbearers, the casket was lowered amid an impressive silence.

The following day a neat little stone was erected over Old Mat's grave.

BOTH WERE OFFENDED.

An Amusing Collision Reported from the Windiest Corner in Chicago, the Windy City.

The Chicago Daily News, which reports this incident, says the wind was blowing great guns, and about the Masonic temple it was getting in double work. The girl came down Washington street toward State holding to her hat with both hands and the man rounded the corner of the temple with his head lowered to face the gale. Naturally they ran squarely into each other.

The wind whipped the long skirt of the young woman around the knees of the astonished man, who lost his balance and grabbed her fervently about the neck.

"Sir!" she shrieked, "what do you mean?"

"Madam!" he gasped, still struggling with the skirt which clung tenaciously, "let me go!"

"Let you go!" she repeated, indignantly. "When I can't get away from you!"

"Neither can I," roared the anguished man. The skirt held him and

"SIR! WHAT DO YOU MEAN?"

the wind held her, defying her struggles. Her hat was over her eyes, blinding her to the real situation, and the man was so terrified at the unheard-of state of things that lurking suspicions of feminine footpads ruled him. Just as he was ready to strike out with his firm right fist and the young woman was meditating attacking him with a steel hatpin a handy policeman saw the trouble and rescued them from each other.

The girl blew west and the man blew east, and the policeman was the only one who appeared to enjoy the joke.

Should Have Spoken Sooner.

A curious accident happened to Mike Mulcahy, a railroad man of St. Louis. He was absorbed in the perusal of a newspaper account of a prize fight, and at the same time was catering to his stomach by sucking raw eggs. One of them contained a live chicken, and it chirruped as it slid down his throat. "I'm sorry for you," the Irishman sympathetically observed, "but you spoke too late."

SCHOOL INTERESTS.

Glasgow spends £360,000 a year on building, £49,000 of which is for churches and schools.

Although in the last 60 years the population of Europe has only increased 33 per cent., the number of children attending school has grown in the same period by 150 per cent.

The four great Scottish universities are in a very bad way financially. All of them are appealing for funds, and it is said that a sum of at least $10,000,000 is needed to bring them up to the level of modern requirements.

The members of the Toronto public school board have made up their minds that they don't like the vertical writing. Under an order just adopted the Toronto boys and girls will hereafter slant their letters to the right.

Parents and guardians in Greenwood county, Kan., complain that questions far beyond reasonable limit are asked of even the younger children. At a recent examination the following were among the questions put: "What is meant by free trade? Imperialism? Protection? Expansion? Write briefly on the following topics: Missouri Compromise, Dred Scott Decision, Kansas-Nebraska Act."

More Like It.

Briggs—I see that Russell Sage says everybody should save 25 cents out of every dollar earned.

Miggs—I wonder if he has followed that rule?

Briggs—No; I think he must have saved a dollar out of every 25 cents.—Town Topics.

Even There!

"Miss Vingaree, they don't haze the freshies at Vassar college, do they?"

"Don't they, though? They made me buy pound after pound of almond buttercups and stand and watch them while they ate them!"—Chicago Tribune.

Animals Killed by Trains.

An English signal operator kept an account of the various animals killed by the trains along the line where he was employed. His observation included three miles of track. He found cats, dogs, foxes, hares, rats, rabbits, a sheep, a cow, an adder, a hedgehog, a long-eared bat, hogs, rooks, besides other more familiar varieties of birds.—Little Chronicle.

Well Trained.

"He seems to have a trained mind."

"That's right. Did you notice how quick he was in answering 'Yes, my dear,' when his wife called him?"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Irreparable Loss.

He—I've lost a wealthy aunt.

She—Really? When did she die?

He—Oh! she isn't dead; but her niece has just jilted me.—Tit-Bits.

Employer (to clerk)—This is disgraceful, Jones; here am I at the office first.

Clerk—Yes, sir; I have always been taught to give precedence to my superiors.—Tit-Bits.

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A talkative man is like a talkative woman, both are dangerous.

The appointment of the New Justices of the Peace will not be made for some time.

A number will apply but a few will be chosen.

Nothing is certain in life until it is made certain.

It is not the man who makes the most noise that you should watch.

Watch the silent or the quiet man.

The most dangerous man is the silent one.

Recorder Cheatham has given a new bond.

He will have four more years as Recorder.

Do what you think is best and then you will succeed.

Hold your own council. It will pay you.

When people began to magnify their own importance, let them go ahead.

A small fry will soon waste away.

A grining man or woman should be watched.

If you have a good friend hold to him.

You can very seldom find one in whom you like to confide.

Momentary admiration will soon fly away.

Watch it closely and you will be convinced.

The only person that you can trust is the one that you have tried in the hour of need.

THE BEE is the paper that you should read.

Don't attempt to fool your friend always.

Speak the truth always it will pay you.

Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

The President will return soon then you will see office seekers by the scorce.

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Let the South see that there is some patriotism among the negroes of the North.

Is this a world of trouble or what?

Something new will turn up some day.

We fly high some times but we must come to the ground for food.

There are to be 600 or more discharged from the Census Office next month.

There will be a change in many of the departments in July.

The Pan American Exposition will be largely attend after the adjournment of the schools.

Never dislike a person because others do.

If you have secrets keep them, it is best.

It is always best to hold your own counsel and then you will have no fear of other people knowing what you should have kept.

Too many confidential friends are dangerous.

It is not wise to make witnesses testify against you.

Never allow a person to tell you something on your friend and tell you not to tell.

We often over due the thing. It is sometimes too late to recall.

Be true and honest to those who are true to you.

RETAINED OLD FLAT.

Why the Judds Concluded Not to Move This Spring.

Tactful Chicago Housewife Sees a Luring Advertisement and a Letter Is Written—And Then a Reply Comes.

With the first breath of spring came the moving fever into the home of J. Rutherford Judd, says the Chicago Chronicle. For five years furniture vans annually had passed his door. To be sure there had been changes above, below and to the right in the Shore apartment building, but the lares and penates of the Judd establishment had remained permanent. Little Mrs. Judd was the first to succumb to the fever. It came in at the front door with the daily paper. In a moment of idle curiosity she looked over the "to-rent ads." and her serene mind was disturbed. Without her husband's knowledge she clipped the luring lines which beckoned to a finer suite of rooms.

There was one more room to be had and the rent was the same, to say nothing of the more finished attractions which the real estate agent set forth. It was just what the Judd family needed, as the children were growing, and the extra room would fill all requirements. She would not count the alcove room in her own flat for a room, although it was not much smaller than the parlor.

Having come to the conclusion that the household gods must be disturbed, she proceeded in a woman's way to convince her husband a change was necessary. So tactful was she that the man never suspected he was being led, and he assumed all the responsibility for suggesting the scheme. The same "ad." appeared a few days later, and Mr. Judd read it this time and came to his wife in triumph to tell of his discovery.

The location of the house was not given definitely, but it was in the same neighborhood. This would be fortunate, as it would save hauling of furniture a distance as well as leave them near their friends. No other address than "P. O. Box 36" was given. A letter was framed and sent. "For

JUDD DID NOT REPLY.

rent" signs appeared in the front window to keep company with those in the flat above. The Judds discussed the new home and enlarged on the flattering plans which the real estate genius had drawn.

"It's the funniest thing, I can't seem to locate that flat the fellow advertises," said Judd at the breakfast table. "I am certain I have seen it or dreamed about it or something, for it seems so familiar."

"Well," answered his wife, "I hope we get an answer to-day, for it is getting near the first of the month. I feel as if we had the place rented and had moved in, for I have planned where we shall put our things, and I am going to finish the extra room in blue."

That afternoon Mrs. Judd looked over the mail, but did not find the answer she was hoping for. There were two letters she did not open, for they evidently referred to business, and she was supposed to leave that to the head of the family. One had the name of the landlord in the upper corner and the other was a bill. When Judd came in at night his first question was about the new place, but he was disappointed. After supper he glanced over his mail. He looked at the bill and opened the letter from the landlord. In so doing a newspaper clipping fell unheeded to the floor. Mrs. Judd picked it up.

"Why, here's the 'ad' we answered," she said, recognizing the slip. Judd did not reply, as the letter seemed to be interesting. His wife leaned over his shoulder and they finished the letter together, then looked each other in the face, finally laughing as the truth filtered to them. Judd did not move nor did his wife say "move" even to her intimate friends, for this was the letter:

"Yours received in reference to inclosed clipping. If you prefer the flat above yours you can have it for the same price. It is similar to yours in every respect except the wood finishings, which are done in cherry, yours being in oak."

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THE PIG-HEADED MAN

He Gave an Exhibition of Himself on a Street Car.

First He Wouldn't Pay His Fare and Then He Would, and Both Times Made a Lot of Trouble for the Conductor.

He looked just as pig-headed as he turned out to be. There was no doubt about his being a stranger in a strange land, for while his clothes were not rustic in appearance there was an unfamiliar cut about them. And then he carried a traveling bag and wore spats.

When the conductor of the Fourth avenue car called for his fare, says the New York Sun, the stranger dug down into his pocket and drew out a bill. The man in blue, who bore on his right sleeve three gold service stripes as proof of wonderful forbearance with all kinds and conditions of people, squinted at the bill and shook his head.

"That ain't no good in this country," he said.

"Of course it's good," said the stranger, still sticking it forth. "It's a Canadian five-dollar bill."

"Can't take it," repeated the conductor. "They won't take it off me at the office."

"Well, you've got to take it," said the stranger, "or stop the car and put me off. It's money, and good money."

The conductor acted like a human being. He took the bill and looked it all over again. Then he referred it to a passenger.

"I never saw a bill like that before," he said. "What do you think of it?"

The passenger told him that he was right in not accepting it because it was not a legal tender in this country, and because he could not get rid of it except at a discount, even at a bank. So the conductor passed it over to its owner once more.

"You're in America now," he said, good-naturedly. "You'll have to pay American money. If I took that I'd be stuck with it myself."

Still the stranger was pig-headed.

THE PIG-HEADED MAN.

"Well," he said, "you'll have to stop the car and put me off. That's all."

Then he settled back doggedly and scowled. The controversy had attracted great attention in the car. Everyone was looking at the stranger, and a man who sat across from him, thinking that the five-dollar bill was all the stranger had, gave the conductor a nickel for the fare and the other passengers took it for granted that the controversy was all settled.

But not so. The pig-headed young man arose with a grunt and again dug into his trousers pocket. This time he pulled out several American one-dollar bills. One of these he offered to the conductor.

"I got your fare," said the conductor.

"No, you haven't," insisted the stranger. "I haven't paid."

"But this man paid for you."

"He's not me. Change the bill."

"I ain't got the change," insisted the conductor.

The man with the spats was getting red in the face. He offered the one-dollar bill to the man who had paid his fare. The man would not take it.

"I can pay my way!" exclaimed the stranger. "Give me the change.

"Haven't got any," said his benefactor, with a grin. "It's all right. Sit down."

But the stranger would not. He went from passenger to passenger, asking for change, poking his one-dollar bill into their faces. They all thought it was Canadian and examined it closely while the stranger rocked around the car.

At the end of the line he found a man who could give him four quarters for the bill. He offered a quarter to the man who had paid his fare. The man would not take it. Then the stranger started up the line to get change for one of his quarters.

At last he got five nickels. He gave one of them to his benefactor, drew a deep breath and sat himself down again, glaring at everyone. After two minutes' thought he remarked:

"I'm pretty pig-headed when I get started."

No one in the car undertook to deny this assertion.

Club of Long-Legged Chaps.

A Tall Men's club has been organized by the long-legged students in the University of Pennsylvania. Among the members are 12 who are each more than six feet two inches in height. Some of the "shorties," who are an inch less than the height just mentioned, are admitted only as associate members. The officers are named the Moon-Hitter, the Ceiling-Duster and the Skyscraper.

A LOST OPPORTUNITY

It is very quiet up here on the hill road, for the larks are still, and the thrushes in the woodlands below have long ago finished their evening hymn. Even the rooks in the parsonage elms have ceased their noisy flutterings, and the village is wrapped in peaceful silence. No sound comes to Godfrey Lambert as he plods along the lane save the swish of his own footfalls in the thick country mud and the tinkle of a sheep bell coming faintly over the hills from some far-away fold.

His face is set toward the church in a hollow of the hill at the head of the valley, and the little red parsonage, which nestles so cozily beside it. There is a flicker of light in the parlor window, and Godfrey's blue eyes are full of content as he watches it. Bessie will be there, he thinks, practicing on the grand piano, which fills the simple village folk with awe and wonderment. So perhaps before he goes away to dreary London he will be able to say to her what it has been in his heart to say for many a long day, and he does not fear his answer.

One more turn of the winding lane, and Godfrey will be in sight of the parsonage gates. Soon he stops short, and a look of wonder creeps over his features in the ruddy light. A pony trap is driving out of the parsonage gates, and turns briskly down the road to the valley, and he catches sight of Bessie's red cloak as it whirls away from him into the gloom.

His last night home, and she knows it! She must know, too, that he will come to say good-by, yet she can go out just at the time that he usually came to the parsonage.

He turns on his heel with a bitter sigh and retraces his steps along the wearily winding lane. Hope has gone from him, and life looks as dreary as the winter landscape to his young eyes.

The firelight flickers cheerily in the cosy parsonage parlor and adds a fresh charm to the quaint, old-fashioned furniture. Outside the wind howls drearily and brings the snow with a light, continuous flutter against the window panes. It has a mournful sound, somehow, as if the snow were covering up dead hopes and withered aspirations, instead of nursing the tender plants for fresher growth in the spring.

Bessie Aytoun kneels before the fire and spreads trembling hands to the cheery blaze. A year since Godfrey left—a whole long, dreary year! She had thought, she had hoped, that he would have come to see her before he left home. It would only have been polite to bid her good-by before he went to London, yet he had not been to the house. He could not have come while she was out fetching her father from the town, for she had left a message in case he should call, and he had never been. Then she had hoped he would write and explain if he had been prevented. But no; all through the 12 weary months there was never a word. He must have forgotten her, and forgotten the dear, happy days he had spent at the cosy old parsonage in the lee of the hill. Ah, well! It is the way of man to forget!

There is one man who never forgets, however, a man who is always true, who will love her better than Godfrey ever could. There is a letter from him in her pocket now, a letter which asks her to reconsider the decision she came to over a year ago, before Godfrey left. She must answer that letter to-night, yet she hovers 'twixt yes and no.

With a trembling hand she pulls down the blind and shuts out the desolate landscape. But a tear fills her eye as she turns to her writing-table.

Yet when she has finished her letter her face is calm and bright. She is thinking of the happiness it will bring—to another, certainly—perhaps to herself.

It is a dreary November day. Overhead great masses of gray-red cloud block the sun from sight, and under foot the black London mud squelches and sputters under the traffic.

Godfrey Lambert walks moodily along the slippery pavement, angry with himself and all the world. "London is hateful," he says to himself, and he nearly adds, "November is hateful," but he bethinks himself in time. November in London and November in the country are two very different things.

The vision of a lost paradise leaves him gloomier and more discontented than ever. Oh! for one breath of country air, one sight of a face from the old home! If only he could have a glimpse of some one who had seen Bessie, he would be quite content.

He wanders into Bond street and goes into a picture gallery to while away an idle hour. For a time he strolls listlessly from room to room, feeling gloomier and unhappier than ever, for he is in little mood for the pictures this evening. Then all at once a sudden animation comes into his face and he strides hastily down a long room.

At the far end a strangely familiar figure reclines on one of the broad lounges. Surely, surely it was Bessie herself! At last, after two years, he will see her again; he will hold her hand in his, and look down into the clear depths of her eyes.

He has almost reached her side when suddenly she stretches out her left hand to point to a picture that has attracted her fancy, while the man beside her bends down to listen to her remark with a strangely appropriate air. Godfrey stands still and holds his breath, for a broad gold band shines upon the slim third finger of the outstretched hand.

Bessie married! His heart seems to stop beating and his face to grow suddenly gray and old.

Yet, after all, it is only what he might have expected. He pulls himself together and walks as unconcernedly as may be past her bench toward the door at the far end of the room. He must have one glance at her before she goes out of his life forever.

So at the doorway he turns to look. The subdued light from the roof falls softly on her face and brings every feature into sharp prominence. She has seen him and her eyes are fixed on his. For one moment he pauses, then he stumbles away, and goes out once more into the desolate fog, with his mouth hard set and a stony look in his eyes.

In that one look he has learned the truth, and knows that if he had spoken to Bessie on that far-away day it would not have been in vain.—Chicago Herald.

Lincoln Wouldn't Take a Case.

All clients knew that, with "Old Abe" as their lawyer, they would win their case—if it was fair; if not, that it was a waste of time to take it to him, says Gen. J. H. Littlefield in Success. After listening some time one day to a would-be client's statement, with his eyes on the ceiling, he swung round in his chair and exclaimed:

"Well, you have a pretty good case in technical law, but a pretty bad one in equity and justice. You'll have to get some other fellow to win this case for you. I couldn't do it. All the time while standing talking to that jury I'd be thinking 'Lincoln, you're a liar,' and I believe I should forget myself and say it out loud."

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Some historians say that the manufacture of silk was introduced into Spain by the Moors.

Only four widows of soldiers who fought in the American revolution now remain on Uncle Sam's pension roll. Seven years ago there were 13.

Immature wood, that is the wood of a tree which has not attained its full growth, is said not to be so durable as the wood of a full-grown tree.

Houses which are damp because of proximity to undrained land may be rendered more habitable by planting the laurel and sunflower near them.

Wood is not generally well seasoned by a very high temperature. If the heat is too great the moisture escapes very rapidly and the wood is liable to crack or split.

Russia adopted the metric system from January 14 of the present year. Great Britain and the United States are the only civilized countries that have not adopted it.

Prescott, being almost blind, required ten years to prepare "Ferdinand and Isabella;" the "Conquest of Mexico" required six years and the 'Conquest of Peru" four.

OF THE BLOOD ROYAL.

The czar reads many books, but seldom picks up a newspaper.

George III. had the family taint of lunacy, and for many years was insane.

Empress Elizabeth of Russia was one of the stoutest women of her time.

Charles Martel, or Charles the Hammer, carried a mace weighing 30 pounds.

The king of Siam wears what is probably the richest state attire of any reigning monarch. The jewels worn on such occasions are valued at over £200,000.

When the dowager empress of Germany first came to the Berlin court it was remarked to Baron Humboldt, then an old man of 90, that the prince, her husband, deferred to her in everything. "Very properly so," replied the great scientist, "she is the wiser man of the two."

By a curious chance, George, the second son of the king of Denmark, has reigned for a longer period over Greece than his father has over his native kingdom, George having been elected king of the Hellenes in March, 1863, while King Christian did not ascend the throne until six months later.

SEVERAL LITTLE MATTERS.

Georgia has a hypnotist who declares he can put a man on a bicycle and make him win a race in spite of himself.

The largest cut stones known are in the Temple of the Inn at Baalbec. Many are more than 60 feet long, 20 feet broad and are of unknown depth.

A white object can be seen at a distance of 17,250 times its own diameter in strong sunlight—that is to say, a white disc a foot across can be seen 17,250 feet away.

The new hospital at the University of Virginia (Charlottesville) was opened on the anniversary of the birth of Mr. Jefferson, the founder of the institution. Founder's day will be observed annually hereafter.

A number of young filbert trees have been sent to the agricultural department from Greece. The nuts from these trees are the largest and have the finest flavor of any filberts the department has yet discovered, and every effort is to be made to encourage their growing.

IN FOREIGN LANDS.

The dusting of the books in the library of the house of lords costs £50 a year.

The Mexican volcano Popocatapetl was utilized as a source of sulphur more than 400 years ago.

Field rations of an English soldier include 16 ounces of meat, and 24 ounces of bread, those of a German 8 ounces of meat and 28 ounces of bread.

Two thousand seven hundred and sixty-seven unaddressed letters posted in English letter boxes were found to contain nearly £10,000 in cash, notes and cheques.

Since the end of the war with France in 1871, Germany, without increasing her territory in Europe, has increased her population from 41,000,000 to 56,000,000.

On the occasion of the eightieth birthday of Prince Regent Luitpold of Bavaria, a Munich newspaper called attention to the fact that no journalist benefited by the attendant amnesty, for the simple reason that none had been imprisoned—in striking contrast to Prussia.

UNDER THE BRITISH FLAG.

Newfoundland, Iceland and Ireland are all very nearly the same size.

India produces 170,000 out of the world's crop of 800,000 tons of tobacco.

Sidney, Australia, kitchens are generally on the top floor. Clothes are dried on the roof.

Twelve hundred and thirty-six miles of wire fencing against rabbits have been built by the Australian government.

The discovery of coal in the Klondike has brought forth an order from Ottawa that a royalty must be paid on coal, just as on gold. This order was recently received at Dawson and caused a general protest, as consumers say the price of fuel is already sufficiently high without the addition of royalty.

MUSIC AND DRAMA.

Adam de la Hale, a troubadour, wrote the world's first comic opera in 1240 A. D.

France pays for her paupers by means of a tax of ten per cent. on all theater tickets sold.

There are 336 places of public entertainment in London, with a combined seating capacity for 400,000 people.

A new play has been written with the title "Gen. Funston and the Filipinos," and it will shortly be produced in New York.

The Actors' club at Buda-Pesth has held a demonstration in favor of prohibiting plays being performed in Hungary in a foreign language.

Sheridan is said to have finished "The Rivals" in six weeks. The story is commonly believed to have been true, and the incidents to have occurred in his own experience.

Fans, opera-glasses, ammonia, sulphuric acid, and bottles of evil-smelling and noxious gases were among the missiles with which the actors of "The Contrabanditti" were pelted by students at Saratoff, Russia.

William Archer, the Scot who forsook the bar for journalism, is now the acknowledged chief of English critics of the drama. He made a reputation as dramatic critic of the London Figaro and is scholarly, urbane and fair in his criticisms.

Otis Bardwell Boise, of Berlin, Germany, regarded as one of the great teachers of harmony and composition in Europe, has accepted a professorship at the Peabody conservatory of music in Baltimore and will come to this country in July.

Mme. Adelina Patti says that walking and possibly billiard-playing, on account of the walking it involves, are the best exercises for a singer. Mme. Patti also declares that no one who wishes to retain the freshness, sweetness and power of her voice should sing in opera more than twice or at the most three times a week.

FOR WOMEN READERS.

A vigorous war is being waged in several German cities against the trailing dresses of women in the streets.

The growing demand for women in the factories of Germany is bringing the servant girl problem more and more to the front.

Mrs. Humphry Ward writes on a real roof garden of her London house. It is handsomely fitted up like a regular room, and on dull, dark days lighted with lamps fitted into wind-proof globes.

Margaret Deland has a perpetual bit of summer introduced into her Boston home. A small glass conservatory, filled to overflowing with gay jonquils, is where this brilliant writer does her work.

An interesting fact brought out by the recent elections in Colorado is the marked tendency of Colorado men to elect women as city treasurers. Mrs. Margaret Robins was unanimously chosen city treasurer of Idaho Springs. At Aspen Mrs. E. A. Kenney was reelected to the same office by a large majority. Mrs. Jennie Gale was elected city treasurer at New Castle, Mrs. Emma C. Palmer in Greely, Mrs. Clara A. Clark at Alma, Mrs. Mary Shanks at Ouray, Mrs. Nellie E. Donahue at Victor and Mrs. A. N. Frowine at Manitou.

FOR THE FIGURE FIENDS.

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In 1899 there were 20,885 births in Connecticut. The Catholic baptisms in the state for the same period numbered 10,262.

A new law requires that there be kept constantly on hand at the bureau of engraving and printing at Washington 100,000,000 two and 20,000,000 one-cent stamps.

CROSS CURRENTS.

France pays Great Britain £100,000 a year for the use of submarine cables.

Press telegrams amount to 15,700,000 words a week in the British Isles.

The first submarine cable was laid in August, 1860, between Dover and Cape Grisnez.

Henceforth electric vehicles cannot be hired in Philadelphia for any length of time less than one month or for a less sum than $150.

In Canada the postal telegraph will soon be an accomplished fact, the Dominion authorities being engaged in preparing to attach the entire telegraph system to the post office.

Funeral March Is Dance Music.

"An orchestra leader in Kansas City has proved Nashville a very slow town," said a man from the former place the other day.

"A fire which almost destroyed a theater in Kansas City enabled him to get the proof," he continued "Among the few things in the theater that were saved was a pile of sheet music which belonged to the orchestra leader. In this pile were several funeral marches. For a joke the Kansas City leader decided to send the funeral marches to a lively friend in Nashville, who was also an orchestra leader. The Kansas City man learned a short time later that the Nashville leader was playing the funeral marches for two-steps at every dance his orchestra was engaged for. At last reports nobody in Nashville had caught on."—Memphis Scimitar.

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Miss Laura Jones of 317 3rd street, southwest has been suffering seriously from rheumatism for several days, she is under the professional care of Dr. Phillip Brome Brooks.

Mr. Hamilton Martin was last week appointed a teacher in the public schools of this city. Mr. Martin is a promising young man, and will make a good teacher.

Dr. W. H. Brooks, the learned pastor of the Nineteenth street Baptist Church is preaching a series of sermons to his large congregation. His theme last Sunday at the morning service was, "The Duty Parents to Children." Tomorrow he will take for his subject, "The Duty of Children to Parents."

Mr. S. J Davison, of the Sixth Auditors office Post Office Department was selected by the Congressional Lyceum to represent that organization at the closing exercises of the Bethel Literary Thursday evening last. In a well prepared address of ten minutes he fully set forth the general purposes and objects of the Congressional Lyceum and the work, it has accomplised in social development.

The address of Dr. W. A. Croffut on the subject, "Can a Republic safely have Colonies" delivered before the Congressional Lyceum, on the 12th inst, was forceful, logical and interesting. He argued that a Republic could not own colonies and remain a Republic and quoted largely from Lincoln, Webster and other statements of the last century to sustain his contention. The paper was warmly discussed by ex-Congressman George H. White, Hon, J. P. Green, Mr. R. W. Thompson, Mr. L. C. Moore, Dr. A. P. Miller and others. The rendering of Blind Toms's "Battle of Manassas by Miss Blanch Coleman evokes hearty applause. A vote of thanks was tendered Dr. Croffut for his able address.

So great was the out pou ing of the members of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows on the occasion of the thanksgiving services at the Vermont Avenue Baptist Church on the 12th inst. that hundreds were turned from the door there not being standing room inside the spacious church.

The Washington patriarch, Capt. W. P. Gray, commanding, and the Georgetown Patriarchie, Capt. J. C. Beckett commanding were present in full uniform and received marked attention as did also the officers of several of the Subordinate Lodges who appeared in their resplendent regalia.

The more than 1200 members of the Subordinate Lodges were in charge of Grand Marshal Algier White and his deputies George Washington, Peter Carter and L. Fletcher Webster. The ladies of the several Households of Ruth were in charge of Albert Brooks and W. B. Harris. Dr. Lee preached an excellent sermon and the collection amounted to $8 or $10 of which was presented to the pastor. The showing made on this occasion is the legitimate results of the constant and unswerving efforts of the District Grand Master W. C. Martin and the other members of the Executive Committee to properly serve, build up and strengthen the order in this Jurisdiction.

A rare musical and literary treat was enjoyed by the cultured audience that attended the grand concert and testimonial tendered Miss Blanch Coleman on the 15th inst a tthe Lincoln Memorial Congregational Church. The testimonial was under the direction of W. C. Martin, Esq., president of the Congressional Lyceum. The program was practically a "double" one as each participant rendered his on her part so excellently as to evoke the prolonged applause in obedience to which each was forced to appear a second time "Mona" Whisper" and "It is your Voice," vocal solos by Miss Georgia Smith, Miss Nettie Murray and Dr. J. T. Walker, respectively were beautifully rendered and received merited applause. The impersonation of the scene between Caticline and Cicero in the Roman Senate; the recital of two original poems by Lieut. R. E. Toomey and the reading of "The Sentence" and Imitations by Prof. J. Thomas Butler were heartily applanded. Mr. Ford Dabney has already reached a high point as a pianist and his playing was highly appreciated. The introduction of Miss Blanch Coleman by president Martin was the signal for prolonged applause, and after she had concluded Loysberg's "La Baladine," an extremely difficult piano solo the encore amounted to an ovation as pianist of the Congressional Lyceum for the seasons. She has been faithful and punctual and she feels extremely grateful to the artists who contributed their splendid services, as well as her many friends colored and white who aided in making the testimonial a success.

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GRAND CONFLAGRATION.

Burning of the Baku Oil Refineries in Russia Said to Be Biggest Blaze on Record.

The great fire at the oil refineries and reservoirs at Baku, Russia, which has only recently been extinguished, ranks as one of the biggest conflagrations of the kind on record. Its origin was a mystery, but within an hour of the outbreak the magazines of the Caspian & Black Sea company, containing an immense quantity of petroleum, amounting to 6,000,000 poods, were involved. Ten people, unable to escape the fiery torrent, perished, and over 140 were terribly burned. For several days it was quite

THE BAKU CONFLAGRATION.
(Grandeur of the Great Oil Fire Shown by the Camera.)

impossible to cope with the flames, with the result that ten factories and five depots, with a storage capacity of 35,000,000 poods of oil—say, 562,500 tons—of an estimated value of over 6,000,000 rubles, were destroyed.

Enormous quantities of petroleum are stored in the reservoirs adjacent to Baku awaiting transport via the Trans-Kavkas line to Poti and Batoum, on the Black sea, whence by a magnificent fleet of oil-tank steamers it is distributed to all parts of the world. With such a volatile agent to handle, it is no wonder that fires are of frequent occurrence, and it is rare, indeed, that Baku is without its blaze. As a rule the reservoirs and the refineries escape, and it is merely the "gusher" which catches fire. This, however, is bad enough, as many of the oil fountains are worth anything from $25,000 to $250,000, and once alight no human ingenuity can stay the work of destruction until the whole of the oil being belched from the earth is burned away.

The accompanying illustration, taken from a photograph reproduced in the London Sphere, gives one an idea of the grandeur of the destructive fire.

What Killed the Bear.

"I suppose," said the barber to the man who was wearing a bear's claw on his watch chain—"I supposed you killed that bear yourself?"

"Yes, I did," was the reply.

"Was it a grizzly bear?"

"It was."

"A big one?"

"About the size of a two-year-old steer."

"Gee whiz! How many bullets did it take to kill him?"

"Not any at all."

"Brain him with an ax?"

"No; I talked him to death!"

It took the customer 15 minutes to get the rest of his shave, and during that time the barber didn't speak another word.—Chicago Daily News.

An Odd Occupation That Pays.

The cultivation of cocoa in Trinidad is one of the few industries that can be relied upon to make a handsome return for the time and capital invested. I would advise any young man who possesses a good constitution, a few hundred dollars, and a capacity for hard work, to investigate the possibilities of the island in regard to the cocoa industry. Already there are among us scores of young Americans who own cocoa plantations, and I have yet to learn of an instance in which one has failed to make money.—E. Nelson Dade, in Success.

A Burglar Reporter.

A professional burglar in Berlin found a new and original way of adding to the ordinary profits of his profession. After each burglary he sent a full account of it to one of the daily newspapers, and for this he received payment in the usual way. But he tried his plan once too often. The editor became suspicious, and gave information to the police, who soon found how this amateur reporter was able to beat all rivals in the way of early information.—N. Y. Herald.

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Old Man Saved His Money.

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Changes in Sponge Fishing.

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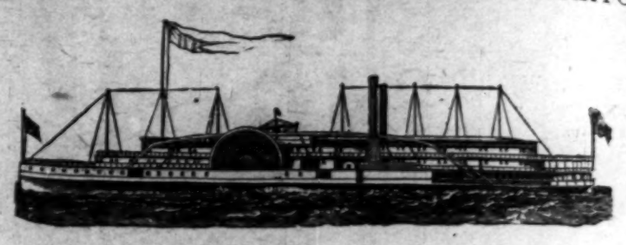

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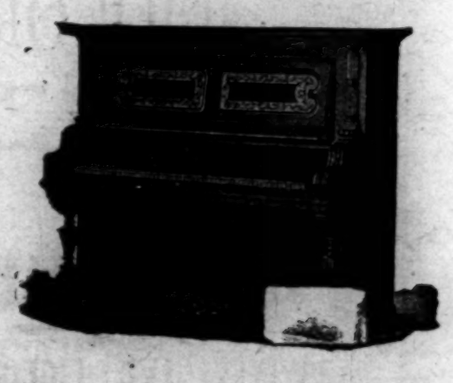

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